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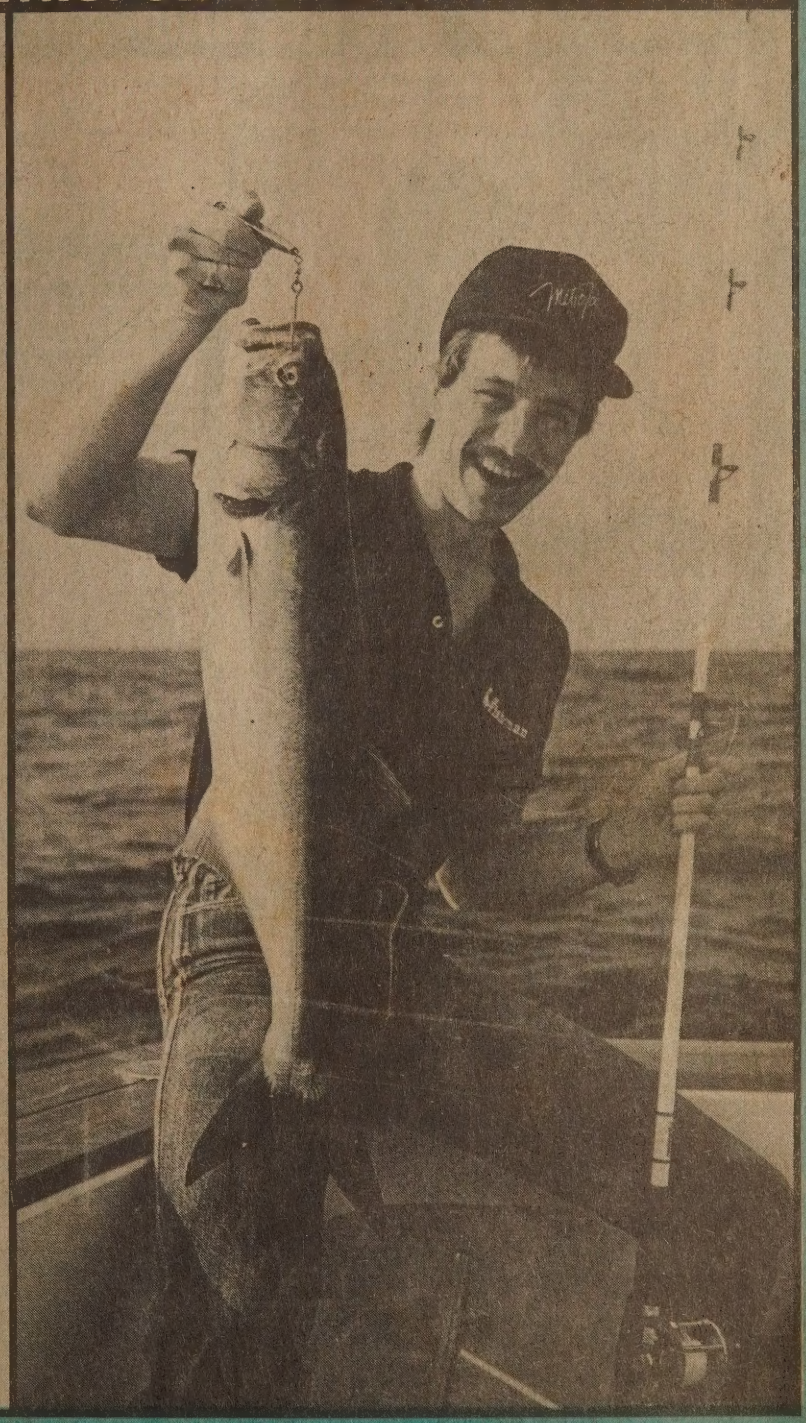

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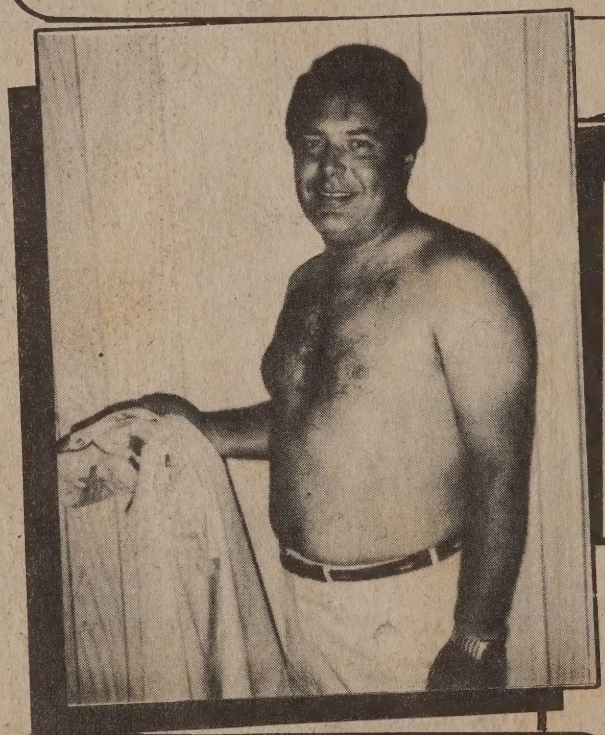

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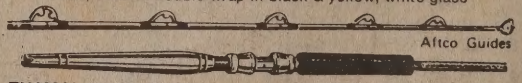

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This year's event marks a departure from past Arthur Smith events in that this year's competition will be a Saturday-Sunday fish-off, and Monday, Labor Day Awards Day. Arthur Smith, tournament host, says that "due to so many requests from Long Islanders and interested fishermen from the surrounding five state area, we have decided to try the weekend format to accommodate so many unable to make the weekday fishing."

Several new twists in this year's event. Penn will award $5,000 cash for the largest bluefish caught on the Penn combo purchased from Herman's, and Shakespeare and Herman's are sponsoring a $1,000 Junior Division: $500 U.S. Savings bond for the largest bluefish caught competing out of Jones Inlet and Fire Island Inlet by anyone 16 years old and under.

Of course, there is a $100,000 bonus that will be paid if the current all tackle world record for bluefish is broken during tournament competition. Also, Sigma will award $1,000 cash bonus for the largest bluefish caught on Sigma during the tournament.

Weigh-in stations (Guy Lombardo Marina, Freeport; Erin's at Bay Shore Marina) will be open from 1PM to 5PM both days of competition. The public is welcome to watch the fun.

After two great days of fishing, Awards Day, Labor Day, at Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport will be a celebration for participants, friends, and the public is welcome free of charge. George Hamilton IV and the Moody Brothers from the stages of the Grand Ole Opry will perform, and food services will be available prior to the awards. Awards Day will begin at 11AM. Come one, come all!

DEC ENFORCEMENT ON THE RISE

New York's environmental conservation officers handled 14,582 cases and recovered $1.3 million during the past year while enforcing laws that protect the state's environment and natural resources, Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams said today.

"New York is a very large state and keeping tabs on those who violate laws protecting our fish and wildlife and other resources is no easy job," said Williams. "The more than five million miles they travelled last year attests to their diligence in enforcing the laws and seeing to it that violators are brought to justice.

"Violating the law can be expensive," Williams noted, "because fines and penalties collected last year amounted to $1,337,465. This money is deposited in the Conservation Fund and can only be used for fish and wildlife purposes," he said. Criminal fines and civil penalties in cases investigated by the DEC's Bureau of Environmental Conservation Investigations (BECI), which handles the bulk of cases involving the handling and disposal of hazardous wastes, totaled $327,992 last year.

Williams provided additional statistics contained in the DEC's Division of Law Enforcement annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1986. He said ECOs handled 14,582 cases, 11,757 complaints, 7,462 investigations and gave 3,224 talks to schools and other groups. Officers travelled more than 4.6 million miles in patrol cars and logged 96,182 miles by boat, 77,304 miles on foot, 11,555 miles on snowmobiles and 267,883 miles on airplanes, helicopters, all terrain vehiles and other modes of transportation.

The most common violation that occurred during the year involved 3,634 people fishing without a license. Freshwater fishing violations accounted for 2,291 cases and there were 1,788 cases involving deer. Officers ar also handled 1,186 cases involving firearms, 763 cases of hunting without a license and 646 trespassing cases.

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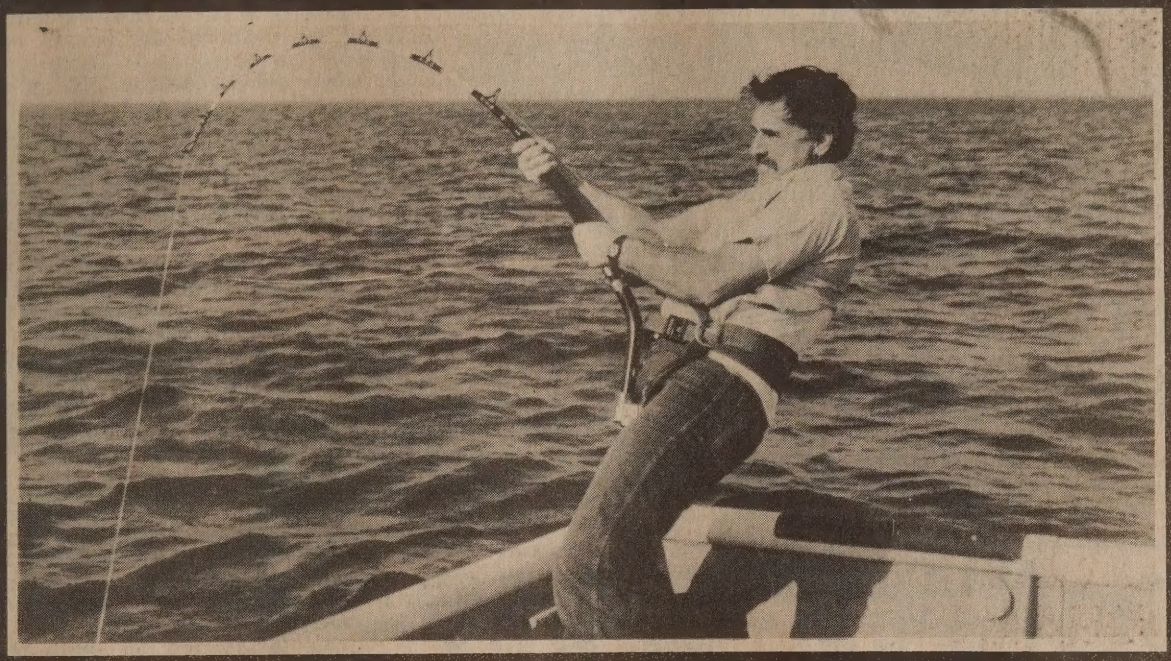

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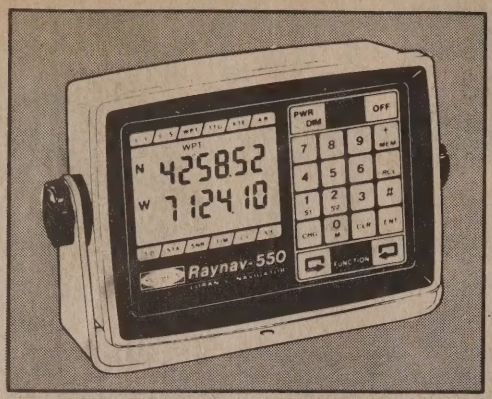

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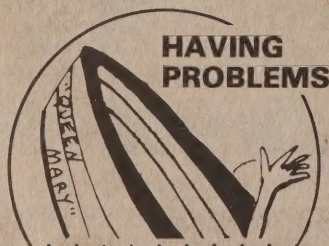

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As a result of cases handled by environmental conservation officers, 18 guns and four artificial lights were among items forfeited. Confiscated items are sold at auction and funds are placed in the Conservation Fund.

Williams said people using the outdoors can help ECOs in their enforcement duties by participating in the Help Our Wildlife or HOW program. When someone observes a violation taking place, information concerning the nature of the violation, description of the perpetrator and any vehicles involved, as well as time and location of the violation, are written on a violation report card. These cards, which are available at DEC offices, are then given or mailed to an ECO who will investigate the complaint. The system has been in use in New York for several years and has been instrumental in obtaining convictions of law violators.

LOWRANCE CONSERVATION FUND AIDS FISHERIES ENVIRONMENT

A conservation program inaugurated three years ago by Lowrance Electronics, Inc., of Tulsa, OK, has contributed more than $100,000 to the enhancement of the nation's resources, according to a report from the Lowrance Conservation Foundation.

Darrell Lowrance, president of the firm, said direct cash contributions in 1983-85 totaled $101,700 of which $47,300 was raised in 1985.

Also, he said, the company has provided "intangibles" to the conservation cause, through regular company funds, amounting to more than $150,000.

"This has included leadership personnel, expenses, promotional funds and long-range planning for both freshwater and saltwater tournaments, artificial reef projects, sonar equipment and cash outlays," Lowrance said.

Establishment of the foundation and its contributions, recently resulted in national acclaim for Lowrance. He was presented the prestigious Al Pflueger Sportsmanship Trophy for his efforts in promoting "the creation of artificial reefs off the Florida Coast, conservation-oriented fishing tournaments, and the University of Miami's Snook hatchery."

"Members of our sales force have served as directors of all the major saltwater tournaments and several freshwater salmon tournaments that we have initiated. Lowrance has provided the publicity and promotion personnel and expenditures for all these events," he said.

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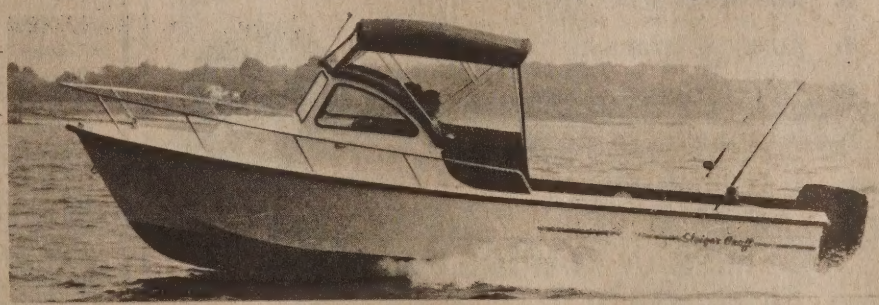

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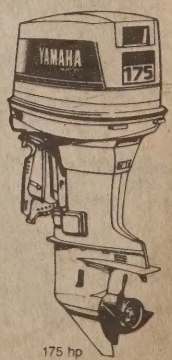

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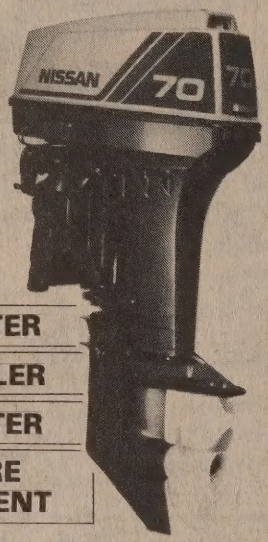

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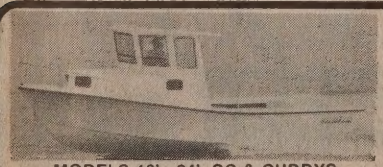

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"Ours will be a leadership role, which will grow with the years," he promised. "We invite other industry leaders and manufacturers to join us in various long-range plans and programs, designed for fisheries resource conservation and enhancement."

THE H.D. CLASSIC TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The third annual H.D. Classic Tournament, one of five tournaments scheduled during the Cayman Islands Million Dollar Month Fishing Tournament has produced the largest marlin to date for the month of June.

Angler Ronnie Foster brought in a 423¼ lb. marlin on 80 lb. test line to win the high point marlin trophy for the H.D. Classic and put himself as front runner for the largest marlin during Million Dollar Month.

Another highlight of the H.D. Classic was the 167¼ lb. yellowfin tuna caught on 80 lb. line by visiting angler Larry Liebert of Columbus, Ohio. The tuna broke the existing all tackle record and filled a line class record on the island.

Million Dollar Month is held each June in the Cayman Islands, this year being the third annual event.

DEEP SEA MASTER TOURNAMENT

The season-long Deep Sea Master Tournament Committee and its anglers will cooperate with the joint effort of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), N.Y. State and National Marine Fisheries Service in the interests of their offshore fishing survey involving large pelagic species (sharks, tuna, billfish), it was announced by Guy LaMotta, president of the marina.

The cooperative effort will include telephone surveys with vessel owners in the area of identification of species caught and/or tagged; where and when, examination of catches at dockside, biological sampling of catches and the encouragement of tagging released fish.

LaMotta said that a seminnar would be conducted early on in the tournament by John Mason who heads DEC activities in the joint effort. Mason is a marine research scientist, Division of Marine Resources, Department Environmental Conservation (NY State) at Stony Brook.

Mason pointed out that marlin will be of special interest in this year's research and said that the joint effort is particularly interested in working with the Deep Sea Tournament anglers as the season-long event

provides them with constant and ongoing research opportunities as opposed to findings from one and two day angling contests held, in most cases, only once a season.

The Deep Sea tournament commenced July 1st. It is the only season-long tourney on the Island and the only one whose anglers have opted for a no-cash-prize-tournament. Rather, in keeping with Deep Sea's tradition of sport fishing, handsome plaques, tackle/marine equipment and free dockage will make up the prize list, LaMotta said.

NC KING MACKEREL RECORD BROKEN

Clifton Moss captains a big Bertram for a living. But when the Atlantic Beach, NC resident fishes for fun, t's usually in his 24 foot Grady White. Last December, he and fishing buddy Louis Taft were "fun fishing" off North Carolina's Cape Lookout and ran into some big, late season king mackerel.

After landing several fish with the live menhaden they were slow trolling, a big one hit one of the "pogies." "I knew it was the biggest one in the ocean," Taft said. Thirty minutes later, they had a 79 lb. king in the boat. Not realizing the king was a record, they fished awhile longer before heading in. At the certified scales at the dock, the king weighed in a 79 pounds, 10 pounds over the long-standing NC record.

"He would have probably weighed a couple more at the dock had we headed right in," Moss stated.

Moss would also have picked up an IGFA world record for 20 lb. test line had he not been trailing a treble hook on his live bait rig. IGFA rules allow only one hook.

"We were just 'fun fishing'," Moss said.

YELLOWFIN TUNA RECORD ESTABLISHED

Lady Luck smiled on visiting angler Larry Liebert from Columbus, Ohio recently during Million Dollar Month in the Cayman Islands when he brought in a 167¼ lb. yellowfin tuna during the H.D. Classic Tournament.

Not only did Larry beat out a local all tackle record, but he also filled a vacant line class record with his catch on 80 lb. test line.

A veteran of Million Dollar Month fishing tournament each June in the Cayman Islands, a British Crown Colony located 480 miles south of Miami, Larry has been a regular visitor for the past eight years.

Not only will Larry receive a US $5,000 prize for Million Dollar Month, but he will also receive more prizes as a registered angler in the H.D. Classic Tournament.

Generous Larry is donating the money to a local charity as his way of showing his love for the country and its people.

On catching the giant tuna, Larry got his first clue (after fighting the fish 26 minutes) the fish was pretty

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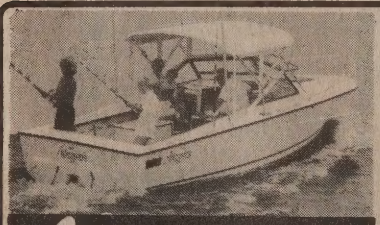

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big when the gaffing hook bent at a right angle on the first attempt and it almost pulled the man into the water. It ended up taking three men to boat the heavy fish. "It was work, but most enjoyable work," Larry says laughing.

This is the first all tackle Cayman Islands record to be broken in the last three years.

NEW LIFE FROM OLD JUNK

The denizens of junkyards—rusted autos, worn tires and even surplus bathtubs—are creating new life on the ocean floor, according to *National Wildlife* magazine, published bi-monthly by the National Wildlife Federation.

Fishermen have known for hundreds of years that sunken ships and other submerged objects can serve as artificial reefs which attract rich communities of marine life, according to an article by Sam Iker in the magazine's February-March issue.

In the 1830s, for example, South Carolina Fishermen placed wooden shed-like structures in shallow coastal waters to restore the area's declining sheepshead fisheries. In the same era, anglers' clubs dumped a variety of debris off Long Island and New Jersey to create good fishing closer to shore.

Today, interest n creating artificial reefs has been revitalized by commercial and sport fishermen and scientists seeking the same results: more fish. Indeed, since the 1950s, nearly 400 artificial reefs have been officially licensed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and built in coastal waters from New York to California.

"If you look at the continental shelf off most coastal areas of the United States," explains Richard Stone, head of the artificial reef task force at the National Marine Fisheries Service," less than 10 percent consists of rough bottom such as coral reefs and rocky outcrops. If you're a reef fish looking for somewhere to live, that's not a whole lot of area. So we have to give nature a hand."

Although many of the artificial reefs are sunken ships, almost any submerged object can do the job, according to Stone. Scrap tires, junked cars and discarded toilets are among many objects that have been identified as suitable refuge.

Man-made reefs also serve as aquatic nursery grounds. "On a natural reef," observes Stone, "there's a lot of competition. As a result, many of the young fish can't survive. They get eaten or just don't have space. An artificial reef provides new, uncrowded habitat. Both spawning fish and juveniles find shelter."

Studies in Hawaii, the Virgin Islands and Florida have shown that fish populations on artificial reefs can be as much as 11 times greater than on nearby natural reefs. Scientists agree that artificial reefs increase what they call the "biomass" because they can accommodate more fish and enable a greater number of juveniles

to survive.

Once the submerged structure is settled on the ocean floor, it can turn into a thriving community in only a few months, according to biologist Heywood Mathews, a reef expert from Clearwater, Florida.

The size and configuration of the structure affect the the type of fish it will attract. Reefs with sizable holes and crevices offer good cover for large adult fish, while those with smaller nooks and crannies are better suited for smaller and juvenile fish.

But reef construction has generally been a low budget and often volunteer exercise. Take, for example, the experience of 80-year-old William Donaldson, a former mayor of Pontiac, Michigan and veteran reef builder now living in Stuart, Florida.

He and a group of volunteers have engineered the construction of three artificial underwater structures since the early 1970s. Aside from a number of derelict vessels and barges, the reefs are made up of donated materials: gasoline storage tanks, hundreds of surplus toilets and bathtubs, 26 concrete mixer drums, 75,000 tires, several school bus bodies and an old air-conditioning tower.

But reef building may be getting a boost from new federal legislation. One new law establishes the first National Artificial Reef Plan to coordinate federal, state, local and private efforts. Another federal program, the Wallop-Breaux fund, will allocate about $120 million for state fisheries management, some of which will go toward the construction of artificial reefs.

The whole process may have one other beneficial side-effect. We may begin to view old cars and other unwanted goods not as junk heaps, but as homes for thousands of orphaned fish.

SPORT FISHING ECONOMICS FACTS OF INTEREST

The estimated retail expenditures related to sport fishing in the United States were approximately $25 billion in 1985.

The direct and indirect economic impact of sport fishing on the National economy was approximately $50 billion in 1985.

In 1985, approximately 600,000 full-time equivalent jobs were supported by sport fishing. These jobs employed close to 1,000,000 people.

Approximately three-quarters of the businesses in the classifications that include fishing tackle manufacturing and boat building and repairing have less than 20 employees. Small businesses have been recognized as the mainstay of our economy and economic growth.

A preliminary economic analysis by SFI showed that the State of Florida would experience a net gain of $25 million in retail expenditures from the designation of redfish as a gamefish.

The Wallop-Breaux Fund is $122 million in FY 1986 and will be $161 million in FY 1987.

Acid rain causes annual economic losses of $27.2 million to New York's sport fishery.

Recreational boat owners use their boats 41 percent of the time for fishing.

Sport fishing was the second most popular recreation activity among adults in 1985 with 34 percent participating.

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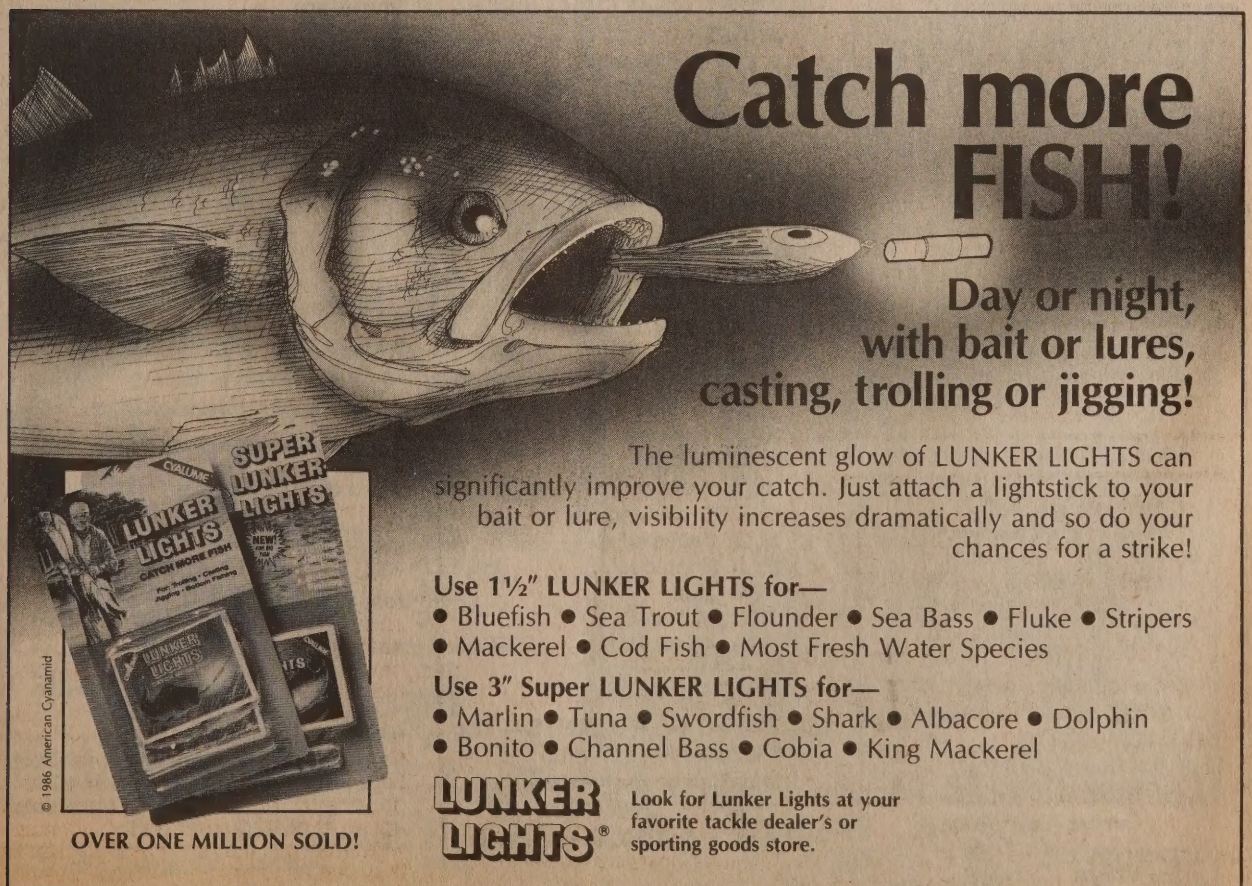
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1. Mid Island Surfcasters	137	59	42	238
2. Patchogue Fishing Club	24	71	100	195
3. East End Surf Club	0	55	111	166
4. Gateway Striper Club	61	82	10	153
5. High Hill Striper Club	12	47	56	115
6. Farragut Striper Club	0	90	13	103
7. Striper Surf Club	17	30	0	47
8. L.I. Surf Fishers Assoc.	16	0	21	37
9. Hampton Surf Club	35	0	0	35

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. J. Hanson	36 pounds, 0 ounces	GSC
2. H. Wojcik	35 pounds, 8 ounces	HSC
3. M. Sarro	17 pounds, 0 ounces	SSC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. D. Ebner	12 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC
2. O. Van Helmond	8 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC
3. R. Rosenberger	8 pounds, 4 ounces	EES

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. O. Van Helmond	12 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC
2. G. Just	12 pounds, 4 ounces	EES
3. G. Schuchman	12 pounds, 3 ounces	MIS

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. O. Van Helmond	PFC	11	30	75	116
2. W. Miller	MIS	103	7	0	110
3. T. Watters	MIS	34	31	0	65
4. T. Farrell	GSC	0	56	0	56
5. J. McKay	GSC	25	26	0	51
6. J. Paduano	EES	0	5	43	48
7. D. Ebner	PFC	0	33	15	48
8. M. Sarro	SSC	17	30	0	47
9. W. Joseph	FSC	0	39	0	39
10. J. Hanson	GSC	36	0	0	36
11. J. Pennino	HHS	0	36	0	36
12. H. Wojcik	HSC	35	0	0	35
13. T. FitzSimmons	HHS	0	0	35	35
14. S. Caccavale	FSC	0	35	0	35
15. S. Hentschel	EES	0	10	23	33
16. G. Just	EES	0	10	23	33
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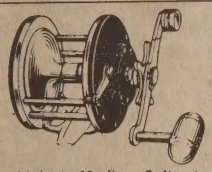

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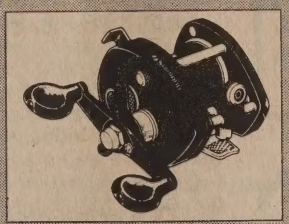

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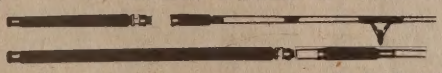

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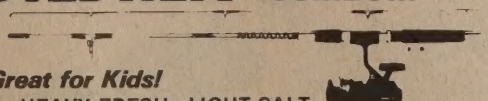

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by Jim White

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Dura-Amp even works like a car's cruise control, automatically adjusting power to maintain constant speeds when minor changes in fishing conditions are encountered, such as weeds, winds, etc. It also includes reverse polarity diodes to protect against reversed battery cables.

The newly designed control console is the most comfortable, stable and easy to use foot control I've ever used. Its low profile, low center of gravity design is engineered to lessen fatigue and improve control. The wide steel base adds extra stability, while a suspended pivot pedal is self-centering and a high bypass switch provides full power instantly.

The speed knob is oversized and makes it easier to operate while all controls have been flush mounted to help prevent "foot errors."

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An extension handle for this 600 series is available in lightweight 18 inch column-mounted aluminum handle which unscrews for easy removal when stowing the motor. This handle can be cut to any desired length.

Mounting isolators can be added which are designed for easy above-deck, blind-hole mounting of trolling motors and other accessories. These rubber isolators absorb much of the shock and vibration incurred when trailering and in high speed rough water running.

A lock-down device is also available made of heavy duty, stainless steel. It latches over the trolling motor to protect the unit during trailering or high speed rough water running and a padlock can be added for extra security.

All in all, MotorGuide's 645 Magnum is quite a motor. It'll do everything that it was designed to do and it does it efficiently.

Finally, there are a few points worth mentioning when buying an electric motor that many first time buyers tend to overlook:

- Electric motors are rated by the amount of thrust they generate. A motor of 10 lbs. thrust is just right for a boat weighing 500 lbs., but one weighing 2000 lbs. will need 30 or 40 lbs. of thrust. So it's best to estimate the total weight of your boat, then select the motor with the right thrust rating to match.
- Find the water line on your boat. The shaft of the electric motor should reach at least 8 inches below the water line for maximum efficiency and to prevent cavitation in choppy water.
- Compare amperage and voltage ratings on different motors, even though the thrust rating may be the same. The lower the amperage or draw of electricity from the battery, the more efficient the motor is designed. You will also get more running time from your battery.
- And finally, look to see how difficult and complex it is to mount and operate the motor. Try operating the controls. See if you will be able to reach the handle from where you sit in the boat. Make sure the cable connections and wiring are made of quality materials and are easy to use.

SPECIFICATIONS

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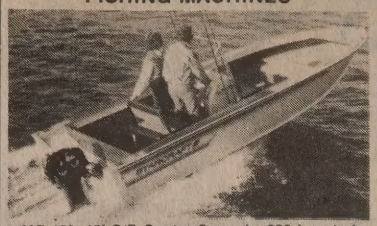
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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

THE JOYS OF BLACKFISH

by Lou Tinto

Having caught many blackfish over the past years has enabled me to do some extensive experimenting with different ways of preparing the fish for the table. What follows are three of my favorite recipes:

Stuffed Blackfish

Ingredients:

1 lb. of fresh spinach, or 1, 10-oz. pkg. of frozen chopped spinach, defrosted
2 tbsp olive oil
4 scallions, chopped
1/2 lb. Feta cheese
1½ tbsp minced fresh parsley
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp chopped dillweed
1/2 lb. crabmeat, preferably blue claw
2 to 3 lbs. blackfish fillets (3 to 4 fillets)
3 lemons
Freshly ground pepper to taste

If you are using fresh spinach, wash and dry thoroughly and chop finely. For the frozen spinach, defrost and drain thoroughly in a colander, squeezing out the excess water.

In a 5 quart pot, heat the olive oil. Add the garlic, brown lightly, then add the chopped spinach, scallions and cook for 3 to 5 minutes stirring constantly. Squeeze the juice from 1 lemon into the mixture and set aside to cool. In a separate bowl, crumble the feta cheese, mix in the parsley, dill, crabmeat and pepper. Mix this into the spinach mixture.

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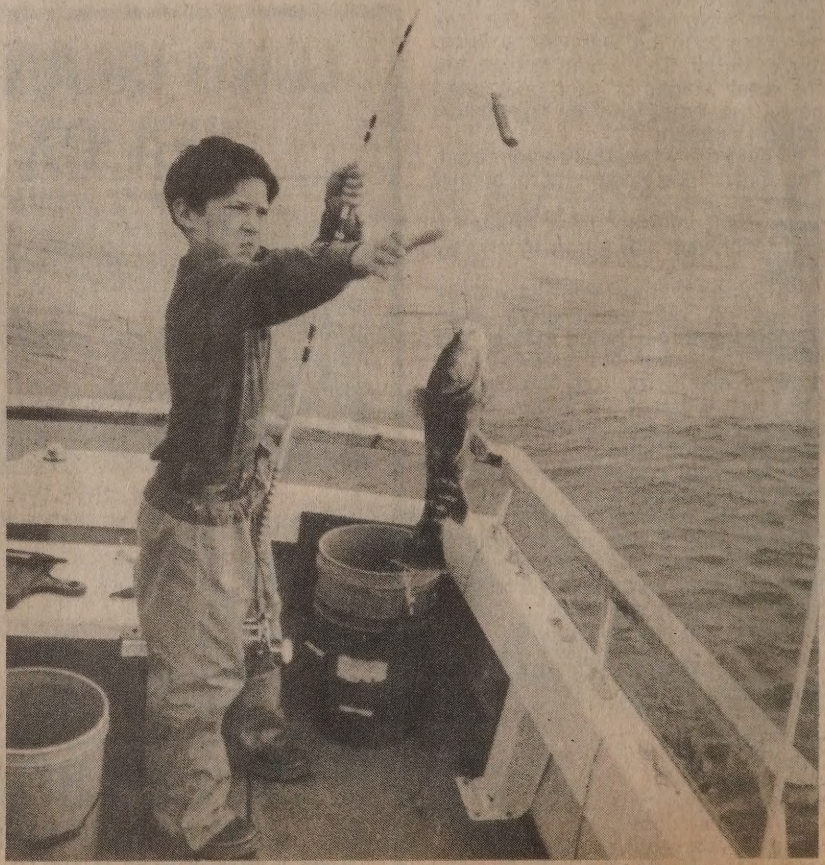

Tog make for fine sport and even better eating.

With a sharp knife slice each fillet so that you make a pocket in each fillet. Fill each pocket with the spinach mixture.

Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes. At about 7 minutes, squeeze the juice from the remaining lemons over the fillets. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

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Blackfish Parmigiana

Ingredients:

3 lbs. of blackfish fillets
1½ cups seasoned bread crumbs
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
4 eggs
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup flour
1/2 lb. butter
2 cups tomato sauce
1/2 lb. mozzarella cheese, sliced thin

Cut the fillets into pieces approximately 3 inches by 3 inches. Slice these pieces horizontally into slices 1/4 inch thick and set aside.

In a shallow mixing bowl beat the eggs and the lemon juice.

In a shallow pan combine the parmesan cheese and the bread crumbs. Lightly coat the fish with the flour, then dip in the eggs and roll in the bread crumbs.

Melt 1/2 of the butter in a large saucepan and saute the fish in the butter until lightly browned. (Note: You will have to gradually add butter as you are cooking the fish pieces.)

After all the fish is sauteed, place the pieces in a shallow baking tray and cover with the tomato sauce. Place the mozzarella cheese on top and place under the broiler for about three minutes or until the cheese lightly browns. Remove the fish from the oven and serve immediately.

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Blackfish and Pasta Salad

Ingredients:

1 lb. of shell pasta
1 tbsp dried dill weed
6 lemons
2 tbsp olive oil
2 lbs. of blackfish fillets
3 tbsp butter
1/8 cup water
1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Place the blackfish fillets in a shallow baking dish, add the water and the juice from 3 lemons. Dot the top of the fillets with the butter and bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. When the fish is done, drain off the liquid, cool the fillets and flake with a fork.

Cook the pasta according to directions on the package. When the pasta is done, drain and toss with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil to prevent it from sticking.

Combine the flaked blackfish, pasta and toss with the remaining olive oil, cheese, dill weed. Squeeze the juice from the remaining 3 lemons over the ingredients and toss. Then cool in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 hours.

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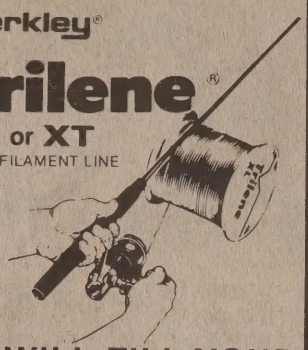

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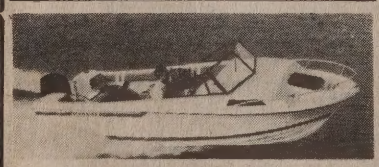

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

You seem to tout the bucktail type lure more than any of the other writers whose work I believe in. I thoroughly agree with you in that bucktails are probably the finest of all lures for taking a variety of fresh or salt water fish. But you never come right out and say which bucktails you prefer and you've never mentioned how you dress these highly productive hunks of lead, paint and deer hair.

I've found that the actual way a bucktail is finished will often determine if it catches fish or only fishermen. There are some well known manufacturers who seem to feel the more hair they put on a bucktail, the better it will catch fish. Others dress their lures sparsely, feeling that less hair is the way to go.

What do you think? More or less hair, and why. *Harold Layton.*

Dear Harold,

You are right. I do tout the bucktail as being a top-notch fish catcher. I've been fortunate to fish many places on both coasts and for a wide variety of fish and have yet to find a situation where the bucktail did not produce at least a token number of fish.

It is hard to promote one specific style bucktail for all of the situations one is likely to encounter. Some experienced fishermen feel the lima bean style is best; others claim the bullet head is better and still others who know their business put their faith in the mini-ball type bucktail which has a swinging hook rather than one that is embedded in the leadhead.

We've tried them all and have taken fish on every model in one situation or another. As a rule we carry the Musket Ball (Mai Tai), bullet head, mini ball with hook in the leadhead, bug-eye, lima bean with a pointed head to make it sink quickly, open mouth (Smilin Bill style) and some that have no definitive name but always seem to put fish in the box. We also make it a point to have a variety of colors and weights to cover various conditions we find when fishing salt or fresh waters.

Personally, we prefer a sparsely dressed leadhead. This applies when using leadheads dressed with Fishair or true bucktail. Too much hair makes the lure "blow out" when used with a plastic worm or strip of fish and that seems to lessen the effectiveness of the lure. We also use leadheads dressed with feathers, again used sparsely.

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Dear Doc,

I'm 15 years old and am very interested in fishing, both salt and fresh water. I am concerned about the fishing industry for the future, especially the striped bass. So when I catch fish (a lot of them), I release most of them. I'm interested in tagging them prior to release. Could you tell me how and where to go about this? Thank you.
Rob Cicchetti.

Dear Rob,

Why not join the American Littoral Society, Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The Society carries on a continuing tagging program and will supply (for a small fee) tags to members of the Society.

Write to: The American Littoral Society, Sandy Hook-Highlands, NY 07732. The tags are available only to paid up members of the ALS. Annual dues are $15 and club memberships are available at $20 per year.

The tagging program has helped biologists determine migration routes, growth rates and populations of various saltwater species and anyone who fishes the ocean extensively should become a member and do a little tagging themselves to further the program.

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Dear Doc,

Can you tell me where I can purchase a book by Jack Fallon titled *All About Surf Fishing* and another book called *Atlantic Surf Fishing.* I've looked high and low with no luck. There are not too many books on my sport, so when I find one, I like to scoff it up.
Frank Abbate Jr.

Dear Frank,

Atlantic Surf Fishing *was written by Les Boyd. I have a copy and it is a well written and illustrated work. I could not locate a store that is currently selling the book. I spoke to Les and he said the book is no longer in print and he does not have any extra copies in his possession. You might check with some local book stores, but otherwise I can offer no solution to your dilemma.*

Jack Fallon's ***All About Surf Fishing*** *was also a hot item four or five*

years ago. It, too, is now out of print and is not available through any of our regular outlets. I called Barry Gibson of Saltwater Sportsman and he, in turn, contacted Jack Fallon for us. Fallon said he does not have any extra copies of the book and also does not know where it can be purchased. I'd suggest a check of some book stores that handle outdoor type publications. You might just luck into a copy.

Unfortunately, in this particular instance you are batting a big zero. Maybe one of our readers knows of a store that has some of the books in stock.

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Dear Doc,

Help! I'm caught in the middle, please help. I'm interested in purchasing a freshwater rod and reel. I plan on casting from the shores on our Long Island lakes, especially Hempstead Lake which is closest to me. I don't know whether I should get a baitcasting reel or spinning. Should I get a short rod or a long one. I plan on using lures and also I don't know which to use? Please help!

Thanks for your time.

Timothy Laukaitis.

Dear Timothy,

Yours is a big order and it applies not only to the Long Island lakes and ponds, but to most any body of freshwater along the coast and throughout inland areas.

Choosing between spinning and plug casting tackle carries many variables. Some anglers cannot master conventional type casting reels and go through life using only spinning while others are quite proficient at both techniques. We are partial to plug casting tackle due to the lure control it affords. But, we also carry a couple of spinning outfits for those days when we do not need pinpoint accuracy.

Most freshwater anglers who have a limited amount of tackle will go with an outfit that covers a multitude of purposes. This means a rod of mid length, let's say something in the 6 foot range, and a reel that will take 6 to 20 lb. test line in a capacity that will again cover all situations.

Our personal choice is plug casting and we would not hesitate to recommend any quality rod in the 5½ or 6 foot length that is rated to handle lures of up to 1/2 oz. and lines in the 6 to 15 lb. class. It will handle most any fish you are likely to catch and isn't heavy enough to cause undue strain on your casting arm.

A spinning outfit of similar proportions will also get the job done and is a whole lot easier to master.

You might visit a local tackle shop and try several different outfits. Most shops will allow you to handle the tackle and some have setups where you can do a little practice casting before making a final decision as to which kind of tackle you want to purchase.

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

HYLTON CASTLE

by John Raguso

This week's story takes us back to a frigid week in January of 1886. Much of the Great South Bay was frozen solid and temperatures had been hovering in the low teens for weeks. It seemed as if winter had a strong grip on Long Island's south shore, and also on those inhabitants who had no choice but to weather it out and wait for the first signs of spring, albeit at least eight weeks distant.

During this time, the British freight steamship Hylton Castle was docked in New York harbor, loading up a cargo of corn and bound for Rouen, France. The Hylton Castle was powered by compound steam engines of 150 horsepower and she also carried a three-masted schooner's rig to supplement the steam propulsion. The vessel displaced about 800 net tons with an empty hold and she was designed to carry about a 500 ton cargo, for a gross weight of approximately 1,300 tons.

However, for reasons unknown, the steamer shipped out of New York on Friday, January 8th with a load of 57,880 bushels of corn, equivalent to a weight of almost 1,400 tons! This overloaded condition would come back to haunt the steamer, spelling her doom, as a raging gale the Hylton Castle encountered the next day battered her and her crew unmercifully.

Let's step back in time now and relive the last hours of the Hylton Castle, as covered by the reporters of the New York Times:

"The Hylton Castle sailed from here on Friday. There was easy sailing beyond Sandy Hook, and by evening, under a fresh breeze, the vessel had logged off 80 miles on her course toward France. She was heavily loaded with corn, and lay in the water with her stern dragging. Before midnight the moderate day breeze had become a northeast gale. Within a few minutes the sea was lashed into billows. The air grew thick with snow. In less than an hour a gale was howling across the steamship's deck and big seas were drenching her. Captain Colvin's barometer, which had fallen rapidly in the morning, was still going down. A hurricane was plainly brewing. By midnight the wind suddenly veered about to the southwest, making an ugly chop sea of rapidly growing fury.

"Captain Colvin headed his vessel against the wind, which put him on a reverse course. The wind shifted westward and with it, the steamer. It was a sea to fight against. At every dip the vessel buried her nose and the waves swept her from stem to stern. Everything movable was carried away except two of the boats. At one time, it seemed as if these would be torn from their davits. It was impossible to remain upon the deck, Captain Colvin was on the bridge, together with the helmsman, both lashed fast to the vessel. Navigation was a hopeless task. The only aim was to keep the ship's bow to the wind and above water. The storm kept growing and the cold was intense. The rigging and the decks were covered with snow and ice. Men half froze at the wheel. The heavy cargo and the engines astern gave the vessel the appearance of making a futile effort to climb uphill. As a result, she had a dreadful sag to the stern which, when she was put about for the run back, was almost entirely submerged.

"Saturday broke upon a wild sky and a wilder sea. The vessel became unmanageable. The rudder was the first part to give way. Then the discovery was made that water was oozing into the hold. It was not from the deck, for the hatches were battened down and a trial of the stern pumps showed that a leak had sprung. The clank of the pumps then rose above the howl of the storm, and for awhile foamy water gushed out of the nozzles in streams. Suddenly, a few grains of corn came up with the water. Then came a few more, and presently there was a tiny stream of corn, almost choking the pumps. None of the crew had a moment's rest that day or night. By Sunday morning, January 11th, the furnaces were flooded by the constant deluge of seawater. Nothing remained but to try to work the pumps and pray for mercy from the wind and waves. That was the way the day passed and the long night. Nearly all of the men were frost-bitten. At daybreak on Monday morning the 12th, Fire Island Light was sighted, and orders were given to prepare to leave the ship, which was rapidly settling. At the best, she could not keep afloat for many hours. The Captain called the ship's crew together and divided them into two boats' crews, one under his own command and the other commanded by mate Marshall. Nine men were in the mate's boat and 13 in the Captain's.

"Shortly after daybreak, Captain Colvin gave orders to abandon the sinking steamer. The two boats were

Skipjack are frequently found near the wreck.

lowered into the sea on the starboard side. This work was easily done, as the starboard railing was already under water. Into the larger boat, which the Captain had decided to take, were thrown two beakers of water, two cans of meat, and a small bag of bread. The chief engineer, second mate, boatswain, carpenter, five firemen and four seamen got in this boat. Seven men then got into the smaller boat. Soon after daybreak, the first mate stepped into the smaller boat and Captain Colvin sprang into the larger. The captain was the last man to leave the ship. For some time the two boats tossed about among the seas to the leeward of the wreck, which rolled from side to side and buried its head beneath the waves at frequent intervals. After standing by the foundering vessel for about an hour, the battered wreck raised its stern into the air and plunged downward into the ocean, the seething vortex which marked the place where it had disappeared nearly swamping the captain's boat. In trying to row into smoother water, two of the six oars in this boat were broken.

"The two boats headed in the direction of the Fire Island Lighthouse, which rose above the horizon to the northward. The sea was rough, and the wind, though light, was bitterly cold. It was evident that the Captain's boat was overcrowded. A consultation was held with the mate, who offered to take two of the captain's men. The boats came alongside each other, and two seamen tumbled from the captain's boat into that commanded by the mate. One of the cans of meat was thrown after the two sailors. The mate's boat, being the lighter of the two, drew ahead of the other boat. The captain's lifeboat broke two more of her oars in struggling through the confused seas and this left her with only two oars, with which she could make scarcely any headway. The mate's boat forged steadily ahead and soon she could only be seen every now and then by those in the captain's boat, rising on the crest of some distant wave. Then she was lost sight of altogether. The second mate took the tiller of the captain's boat and held her head in the direction in which the lighter boat had disappeared. The two oars which remained were kept going, but they gave the boat but little headway. The spar and sail which had been placed in the boat were thrown overboard in order to lighten her. Spray dashed over the boat and froze until it became coated with ice inside and out. Occasionally a sea would be shipped and the men would hurriedly bail this out.

"Only one man in the whole boat's crew had oilskins. The others would have been drenched had not the water froze before it could penetrate their garments. Several of the men kept their hands and feet constantly in motion in order to keep them from being frost-bitten. The second mate held the tiller under his arm until the spray had formed a mass of ice which fastened his sleeve securely to his coat. Still the brave man held his post for hours. Others offered to take the tiller, but he refused to part with it. At length, the ice completely covered him and he showed signs of exhaustion. He then had to be dragged away from the tiller. His boots had frozen to the bottom of the boat and he was frozen fast to his seat! After another man had taken his place, as much of the ice as possible was knocked and scraped from his clothing. The spray froze on the Captain's whiskers until the latter were joined fast together over his mouth. Others who caught the spray became covered with ice. All suffered intensely from the cold.

"As the afternoon advanced, the air seemed to grow even colder. The men looked around in vain for passing vessels. Some looked forward hoping to see the first mate's boat, but she was miles nearer to the shore than the little ice-clad shell in which they floated. The outline of the Fire Island Lighthouse was still miles away. The boat was kept headed toward the far-off light tower, but was making marginal headway. Twilight fell and soon deepened into darkness.

"Shortly before nine o'clock in the evening the men were fast becoming exhausted. Several had been frost-bitten. Suddenly they observed a small light, toward which they headed. As they made toward it they shouted lustily. They thought for a time that it was the lighthouse and they did not row any nearer for fear that if it was, they would be caught in the surf and swamped. Soon they discovered that their boat was drifting directly toward the light, and in a few minutes they discerned the outlines of a vessel to which the light belonged. The stranger proved to be the fishing smack Woolsey. She grew larger and larger until they could make out that she was at anchor.

"'Throw your painter around her cable!' cried Captain Colvin. One of the men tried to obey this order, but failed. The boat was drifting by the smack. 'Help, there on board the schooner!' cried the boat's crew. A man sprang to the side of the smack and threw a line to the men in the boat. They caught it and in a moment found themselves alongside the friendly vessel. The smack's crew were now on deck and they assisted the exhausted men out of their frozen boat. Three of the captain's crew were so badly frost-bitten that they had to be lifted on deck. The half-frozen survivors of the Hylton Castle were taken down into the cabin, where they found a hot stove and a chance to get in out of the frigid air. A warm supper was immediately prepared for them by their rescuers, who took off their own clothes and offered them to the

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HYLTON CASTLE
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: January 11, 1886
Year Built: 1871; Sunderland, England
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Beam: Unknown
Displacement: 795 net tons, 1,258 gross tons
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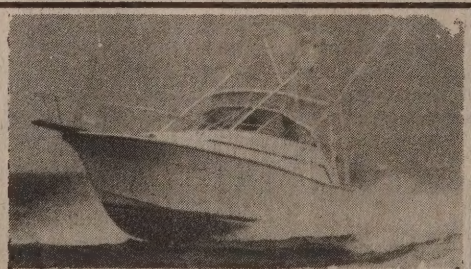

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half-frozen seamen. The smack made way for the port of New York with the lifeboat in tow and the men who were on the brink of exhaustion, despair and even death, were saved!''

But what became of the first mate's boat and crew? Did they eventually make shore or did they perish due to the harsh and unforgiving elements?

The mate's boat was sighted by the Fire Island lifesaving crew while they were still a few miles offshore. The hearty lifesavers immediately jumped into their boats and braved the stormy surf to row out and meet the little boat that had been bounced around by the aftermath of the tempest ever since the Hylton Castle had disappeared beneath the waves. Miraculously, not one of the steamer's crew was lost in the entire ordeal!

From a fishing perspective, the Hylton Castle's relatively close proximity to the Fire Island beach puts her within range of many boats that fish out of either Fire Island or Moriches Inlet. She lies in about 94 feet of water, just to the south of the 15 fathom curve that snakes parallel to the south shore of Long Island. Her position puts her about seven miles due south of the summer resort community of Ocean Beach and just about a mile west of the famed San Diego wreck.

You can expect to find the standard fare of groundfish on the wreck, like blackfish, sea bass, hake, pollock, cod (during the early spring and late fall) and some whiting during the colder months. The ever present bluefish will also inhabit this wreck at times and you can catch some of the south shore's largest specimens around this area. Although it is not the norm, I have personally spotted 100 to 200 lb. class mako sharks cruising the vicinity, no doubt in search of a careless bluefish or two. Don't discount trolling the wreck's position for some of the smaller members of the tuna clan like bonito, skipjacks and false albacore.

Atlantic Wreck Diver, Pete Guglieri, has dove on the remains of the Hylton Castle and he reports that the wreck is broken up with lots of good places for blackfish and sea bass to hide. He says that the vessel's hull is made up of both wood and steel, so the Hylton Castle should present a fairly decent profile on your graph recorder when you try to pinpoint yer exact whereabouts.

From a nautical perspective, 1886 was a bad year for shipping off the Long Island coast. As we now know, the Hylton Castle foundered in 1886. We also recall from last year's Atlantic Wreck Series that the Oregon sunk in this eventful year, in 20 fathoms of water south of Patchogue. Next week we're going to present the third vessel that went down that year and which many divers and historians consider to be the vessel that possibly rammed the Oregon. Most fishermen know her as the Linda wreck, but tune in next week to find out her ''real'' identity.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

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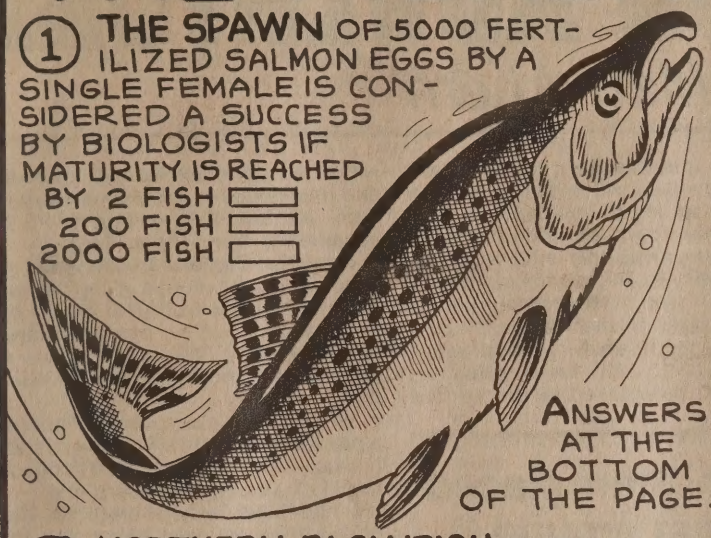

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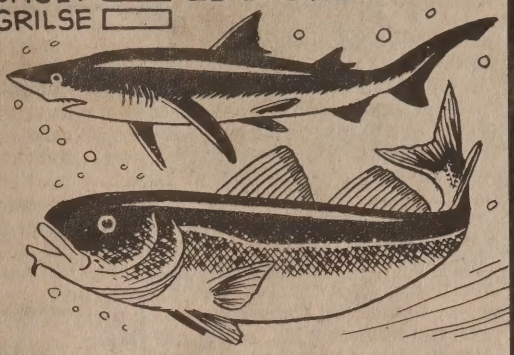
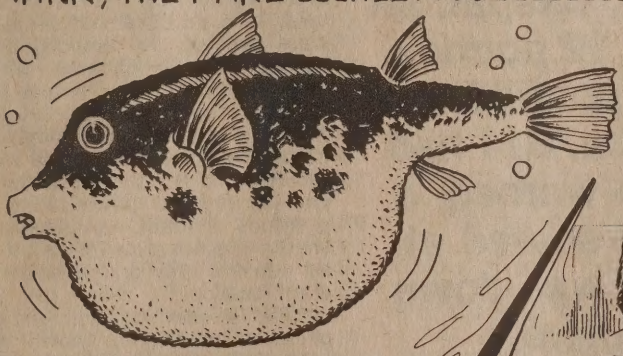


BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) **NORTHERN BLOWFISH** HAVE SMALL MOUTHS BUT THEIR HARD CUTTING JAWS ENABLE THEM TO FEED EASILY ON LARGE PIECES OF FOOD. WHEN KEPT IN A TANK, THEY ARE USUALLY FED--------



(4) **A BLACK BEAR** CAN ALWAYS BE IDENTIFIED BY THE COLOR OF ITS FUR. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

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STRIPED ☐
WHITE ☐
BLACK ☐

(6) **A 77 LB NORTHERN PIKE** WAS HAULED OUT OF THE SHALLOW KEVINGSOM RIVER 10 YARD WIDE IN SWEDEN IN 1960. HOW COME IT'S NOT THE WORLD RECORD, A READER ASKS ?

1 - TWO FISH. 2 - SPRAG IS ANOTHER NAME FOR YOUNG COD. YOUNG SHARKS ARE CUBS. 3 - ANYTHING. 4 - FALSE. BLACK BEARS CAN VARY FROM BLACK TO CINNAMON BROWN, TAN, BLOND AND EVEN WHITE. 5 - WHITE MARLIN. 6 - THE PIKE WAS NOT CAUGHT WITH ROD & REEL BUT BY A BIOLOGIST'S BARE HANDS AS IT WAS HOPELESSLY TANGLED IN WEEDS WHILE CHOKING ON A BIG WHITEFISH.

A BOYHOOD ADVENTURE

by Matt Ahern

Someone once said that two boys together at any one time should always be considered as one boy too many at any one time. Now there is a convoluted sentence if I ever saw one. But it seems to me that the spoil sport who originally voiced this witless pearl of wisdom had never been a fisherman, nor did he understand the clanishness of boys—and fishermen. Therefore, I say, a pox on him and all who subscribe! For tell me, please, where would we fishermen be if to become followers of zesty old Ike Walton meant to cloak ourselves in the raiment of hermits?

Excuse me, fellers, for I do get preachy at times, and along about now I can hear some of you saying: "Hey! What's with this guy? I thought this was going to be an article on fishing." And it shall be, providing that this old gray head is allowed time to regain a much needed second wind. However, in order to tell you about one of the best fishing days I ever had, I must first set the stage with two of my boyhood chums who were directly involved; chums who, quite possibly, would have remained strangers had our parents believed in that asinine "pearl of wisdom" quote above.

The events that occurred took place on November 16, 1931—and you must admit that's certainly going back a long way. I was a boy of 17 then, but had managed to garner several fishing buddies around my own age. There was Artie Leidecker with whom I shared that memorable day (and with whom I still fish today); there was Aaron Feldman and Jimmy Anderson, whom I've written about many times over the years, and Bobby Starr, whose father was the neighborhood printer. While Artie and I had been fishing together for a long time, Bobby only occasionally joined us. He had no need to really, for his father owned a pretty nice 28 footer which he kept docked in Canarsie.

And there was Ronald Caspar who lived on the top floor of my Brooklyn tenement. But Ronald Caspar wasn't a kid. He was a Spanish-American War veteran and in his 50s at the time. But best of all from my viewpoint, Mr. Caspar was a retired charter boat skipper. Sad to say, though, this early retirement seemed permanent and was due solely to ill health, although when he felt up to it, he did make occasional party boat trips with long time buddies. He was also, as you can imagine, one of the best fishermen I have ever known.

I was much interested in Mr. Caspar's fishing adventures. And because of this intense interest, I was often surprised when Mr. Caspar's daughter or son-in-law failed to give me the old heave-ho when I shamelessly and unwittingly intruded upon their privacy to discuss fishing with a gentleman who most certainly had to be considered a captive audience. I guess you might say Mr. Caspar and I got along pretty well, for we killed two birds with the proverbial stone. Our discussions offered him much needed relief from boredom and I in return received desperately needed fishing information.

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To show my gratitude (which I now realize had a selfish motive, one used solely as a reason to visit Mr. Caspar), I tried always to set aside some part of my party boat catches for his small family. Ling and whiting in springtime; sea bass, porgies, and fluke in summer; blackfish in fall, and cod in winter—all of which you may be sure were most welcome during those hectic Depression-ridden days.

Well, anyway, several weeks before the day I want to tell you about, I had brought a half-dozen or so nice blackfish up to Mr. Caspar's flat. These fish weren't large—just average sized Seabright blacks about two to three pounds each. While I was busy filleting them on the metal cover of the old-fashioned kitchen washtubs, Mr. Caspar sat close by, making comments here and there.

"Pretty nice fish, Marty," Mr. Caspar said at one point. With that he remained quiet for several seconds, and then added "... but I know where there are blackfish so big, you'd be ashamed to bring these home."

Now, Mr. Caspar had often held me spellbound with stories of big cod and fluke his charters used to catch, but never a word had he ever mentioned about blackfish. You can bet I was all ears and wanted to know more about it.

"Well," Mr. Caspar said, "there's a piece of wreckage off the Highlands, just north of Sea Bright, that produces blackfish so big, they scare you."

I had never heard blackfish described in those exact terms, but that didn't bother me. I was willing to be scared if he was willing to tell me about it.

And he did.

About 15 years before on a scorching hot August day, Mr. Caspar said, he had a fluke charter out. They were drifting the inshore grounds between the Highlands and Sea Bright when two striper-trolling dories collided and were set ablaze. Mr. Caspar was close enough to run his boat to the blazing scene and pull the fishermen from the water. The two dories went down. With quick presence of mind, Mr. Caspar took shore ranges and as far as he knew, he was the only one who knew the exact location.

"I let the wreckage rest for a couple of years, building up growth and so forth," Mr. Caspar said in conclusion. "And, Marty, the first fall I fished it, my charters caught the largest kind of blackfish—some 12 to 14 lbs., and plentiful. It was that way every fall for all my charters; that spot never failed to produce monsters. And I guess it still does."

Well...the first thing I did after finishing the fillet job was to scoot over to Artie's home, two tenements down the street. I told him Mr. Caspar's story. "If we had a boat," I said, "I'll bet Mr. Caspar would show us that spot. He says that lately he's been feeling fair to middling." I was prancing up and down. "Oh, baby, what an opportunity."

Artie was as excited about the idea as I was. "Bobby Starr. His father's boat! Do you suppose maybe if Mr. Caspar came along, Mr. Starr would take us out?"

There was only one thing to do. Ask. We didn't let any grass grow under our feet. Strike while the iron is hot, and all that. We struck. I guess we overwhelmed Mr. Starr with our promise of good blackfishing. He immediately agreed. If Mr. Caspar would come along and act as our

guide, he'd give it a try.

Back to Mr. Caspar I went. By now I felt much like the Olympic torch bearer. "Sure, Marty, sure," Mr. Caspar said, his eyes shining with that particular gleam all dedicated fishermen recognize and possess. "...if I feel up to it, I'll let you know."

We left it at that. But I didn't forget—not by a long shot, and everyday I expected to hear from Mr. Caspar. Nearly two weeks went by and then one afternoon Mr. Caspar's daughted spotted me on the street. "Dad says he wants to see you when you get a minute."

And that is how we came to make that trip.

A tentative date for November 16th was made, with the understanding that if the weather held, we would go on that date. The good weather held, and early that morning of the sixteenth, the five of us were aboard Mr. Starr's boat, pushing through the calm waters of Jamaica Bay, heading for the Roxbury bait man at Louie's Pier. Only the largest green crabs would do for these monster blackfish, Mr. Caspar said, and we took aboard a half bushel. (Two dollars for a full bushel.)

Construction work was then in progress on the Rockaway Point jetty, having begun that spring if I recall correctly and as we got beyond that into the open sea and approached the bell buoy, we found ideal conditions. The sun was brilliant, with no sea at all to speak of, with only an occasional whitecap here and there, goaded by a light northwest breeze.

Our rigs consisted of but one bottom hook—a tarred snell #2 Virginia hook, which was larger by far than any of that type I'd used before.

"How big are these fish, anyway?" Artie asked me as we followed instructions and placed our hooks four inches above an eight ounce bank sinker. "Look at the size of these hooks!" I wondered about that myself, but I consoled my uncertainty with the thought that Mr. Caspar knew what he was doing.

I guess it took a good ten minutes (agony for us) to get the boat exactly where it was wanted because, as Mr. Caspar said, the wreckage was not too big and it was important to get it right. I could tell from the way the boat was handled, my friend had indeed been an excellent charter boat skipper. And as I watched him go through the required positioning to put the boat precisely where he wanted it, Mr. Caspar gave no inkling of the ill man I knew him to be.

"All right, boys," he said, as he shut down the engine. "This is it. Let's see what happens."

I had brought along my converted hickory pool cue rod which I had, until then, used exclusively for cod and, of course, my rugged sidewinder. That outfit had decked many an outsized cod for me; now I was anxious to see what it would do with those hoped-for monster blackfish.

We sent our rigs through 30 to 35 feet of crystal clear water and waited. It was Bobby Starr who tied into the first fish. And I'll say right now I don't know how large that fish was because it fouled his rigging in the wreckage and had to be broken off. But the experience left him breathless.

Then Mr. Caspar hooked into one, but with the fish only halfway up, Mr. Starr had to take over and winch it to the surface. That fish was just too much for Mr. Caspar to handle in his weakened condition. Artie slipped a net under the struggling fish and dumped it on deck. Its estimated weight was 11 pounds.

Then Mr. Starr nailed one about the same size. Artie and I waited our turn. Then I felt it. A hesitant pick—then nothing. I waited. Again a pick, this time more pronounced, and I guess my heart was doing some pretty fancy thumping. Then came the expected solid yank—which seemed more like a mighty blow—and I reared back on the rod. It felt as if I'd driven my hook into a bull. That black's strength certainly seemed greater than mine and for a moment it was a toss-up as to who would give in first.

Maybe I was lucky—I don't know—but I got that fish clear of the wreckage and began to reel. Every few feet that fish would stop me cold as it bored for the bottom. I had all I could do to cautiously feed it enough line to relieve the strain on the tackle and yet not enough so that it could scoot back into the wreckage. I finally got that monster to the surface where Mr. Starr placed a net around it and lifted it aboard. According to Mr. Caspar, an easy 12 lbs. I was pooped. And maybe, as I had been warned, a little scared at what was down there.

And so it went throughout the morning. We fished until our bait ran out. Exactly how many of those huge blackfish we caught that day I can no longer recall, but according to my record book, there were close to forty. I'm also not sure who caught the largest, but I know Artie nailed one bigger than my first one. The smallest fish ran about 5 lbs. and these were carefully unhooked and returned. I don't believe we kept any blackfish under six or seven pounds. It was the greatest blackfishing day I ever had. I doubt I'll ever do better.

I continued to visit Mr. Caspar and bring him my party boat fish. That next spring, he passed away. His daughter gave me his rods and reels, plus hooks, sinkers, etc., telling me her father had asked her to do so.

Over the years, Artie and I attempted to locate that wreckage. We never did. I suppose there isn't anything left of it now. What attracted those big blackfish to that wreckage, I'll never know; but whatever it was, my dream is to locate another like it. I think my chances are pretty slim.

And I say again: a pox on those who would interfere with the joys of boyhood.

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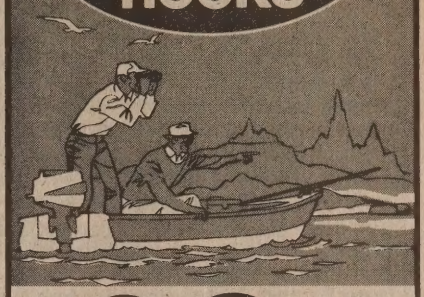

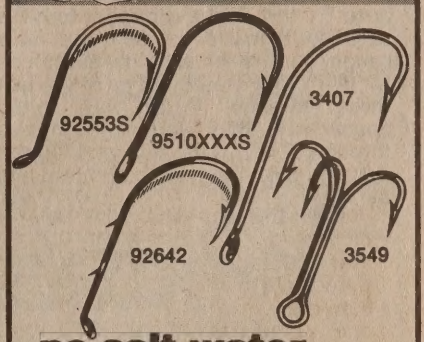

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DANCE A JIG IN THE BIGHT

by Terry Maltese

New York Bight blues please Metro area anglers through the season.

Jigging for bluefish has become quite popular in the New York Bight. Bluefish usually make their first appearance in the Bight around Mother's Day. As a matter of fact, we have caught our first blues of the season on Mother's Day weekend two of the last three seasons. After this initial appearance, their abundance moves through a series of ups and downs right through the season and into late fall.

Obviously, locating the fish is very important. When searching for fish, you should keep your eyes open and scan the water as best as possible. You may spot diving birds or fish breaking water. If this occurs, do not run the boat right into the middle of the school. Steer the boat around the diving birds or breaking fish and stop updrift of them. Shut off the engine and drift into the fish. This method shouldn't spook the fish.

A27 jigs work well on bigger fish, but smaller jigs like the A17 and 007 account for the bulk of the fish taken in this area. Pete Barrett photo.

You should also keep your eyes on other boats, particularly party boats. Party boat captains are out there everyday and they usually know where at least some fish are. Often, fish will be packed very tightly, so a fleet of boats packed close together is often worth investigating. Since sight is so important, keeping a pair of binoculars on board isn't a bad idea.

Modern electronics are now quite common on small runabouts, as well as large sport fishing vessels. A recorder is certainly helpful in locating fish. I don't like to cruise around blindly while watching the recorder. I prefer to cruise and watch the recorder when I have reason to believe there are fish in the area and I'm trying to locate the school. Your VHF may also be of some help. Listen in on Channel 68 and try talking to a few other captains. Quite often, a captain who locates fish will let others know where the fish are.

Trolling is yet another method of locating fish. We troll two rods with wire and umbrella rigs. We run a pattern in areas which have produced fish in the past. When we hit a fish, we circle wide and pass back through the same spot. If we get a second strike, we bring up the lines and begin jigging. This method is productive because it allows the angler to cover a large area of water in a relatively short time.

There are many areas in the Bight which produce fish. The Tin Can Grounds often produce fish. Blues are often found quite close to the Breezy Point jetty and occasionally they are inside the tip of the jetty along Rockaway Beach. As a word of caution, there is a rip that extends from the jetty, that should be handled with care. Often the rip is calm and unnoticeable, but sometimes the rip is downright nasty. Also, when drifting near the jetty, don't get too close. Don't underestimate the strength of the current near the jetty. Give yourself plenty of time to start your engine and get away.

Ambrose channel is also quite popular for jiggers and trollers. The water between Ambrose Channel and Sandy Hook channel is usually worth a try. When you hear someone on the radio say the fish are between the channels, this is the area they are referring to. Very often, the fish will be off Sandy Hook or the Atlantic Highlands. As one can see, there are quite a few areas that the fish may be located, but they are all fairly close to each other.

Jigging for blues is fairly simple. Cast out the lure, allow it to sink to the bottom, engage the reel and retrieve the jig fast. When a fish hits, set the hook with a quick snap of the rod. If no strike occurs, repeat the process. A little common sense is a bit helpful here. If the fish are near the bottom (you see them on the recorder or you hook up near the bottom), don't reel the jig all the way up to the surface every time. Let the lure hit bottom, bring it halfway up and then

drop it down. Do this a few times and then reel all the way up and cast again. If the fish are on the surface, common sense tells you not to let the jig sink all the way to bottom.

As for lures, an A27 usually works fine, but lately the smaller versions of the A27—the A17 and the 007—have become quite popular. This is due to the fact that light tackle for this type of fishing has become quite popular in the Bight over the past few seasons. Aboard my "Foxy Lady," we actually use the 007s much more often than the A27s. Besides the fact that the 007s allow the use of lighter tackle, we have seen the smaller lures produce more hits than the larger ones on quite a few occasions. No matter what lure you are using, it should be tied directly to the line. We don't use any snaps, swivels or leaders.

It is wise to keep a variety of lures on board or in your tackle box. You should have some A27s with different colored tubes and some with no tubes at all. As for the color of the tubes, green and red are probably the most common, but having a few other colors is also a good idea. The same holds true for the smaller A17 as well. We never use 007s without tubes. This is mostly due to the fact that the 007 without a tube is too easy for the fish to swallow completely and cut the line. We also keep some topwater plugs on board for added pleasure when the fish are right on the surface and some Nordic eels for when there are weakfish mixed in with the blues. Despite all the different lures, sizes and colors, we practically always wind up using 007s with green tails when we are jigging in the Bight. (We don't fish like this when we are offshore.)

A medium action boat rod with a Daiwa 50H, Penn Jigmaster or similar reel loaded with 20 to 30 lb. test monofilament, is fine for handling A27s and larger fish. A lighter action rod with a Daiwa 27H, Shimano Bantam, or the Penn 940 loaded with 12 to 17 lb. test is good for the smaller lures. It is important that this rod has a light tip for handling the light lures, but also has some backbone for setting the hook. When choosing your tackle don't skimp on the quality of your line.

Most of the blues you catch while jigging in the Bight will be small enough to swing in, but you should definitely keep a gaff on board. This will come in handy for any big blues, particularly those caught on light tackle and any weakfish that might come along.

This type of fishing can be lots of fun, particularly when there is a lot of action which isn't uncommon in the Bight, especially in the early morning. We like to do this type of fishing early in the morning for a few hours and then run over to Rockaway or Sandy Hook and drift for fluke. A few hours of fast bluefishing, topped off with some tasty fluke, can provide a great deal of pleasure for the novice or veteran angler.

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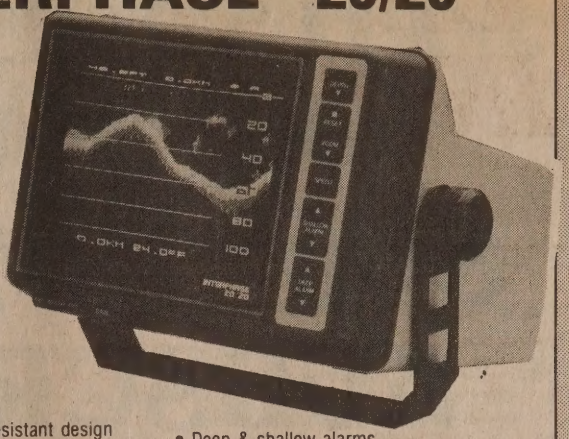

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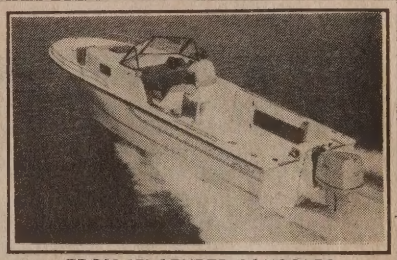

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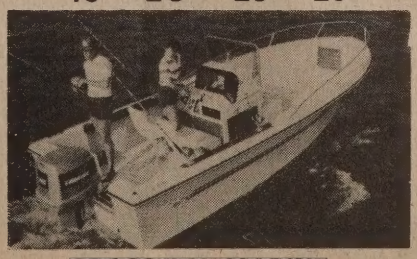

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TWENTY FATHOM LINE TO THE CANYON

Part Two — *by Capt. Al Anderson*

I had just finished talking with Captain Norbert Stamps on the "Brendan and Kevin," an offshore lobster boat out of Snug Harbor, on channel 6 on the VHF radio. It was now close to 5PM and we had been trolling for about one hour in search of bigeye tuna in the West Bight of Atlantis Canyon. My boat had left Snug Harbor Marina, Pt. Judith, RI, just prior to midmorning, for an overnight trip to the Canyon. Prior to sailing, preparations began at 6AM for the trip. Trolling chairs were removed and the big game giant tuna chair was installed. The necessary harnesses, tail ropes and block and tackle was brought aboard, with straight and fly gaffs stowed in their holders.

With ice aboard, the bent butt #80W and #130 Penn International reel outfits were grabbed. Loaded with #125 lb. and #180 lb. test monofilament respectively, each was carefully set into the rocket launcher or clipped into their holders down below. On this trip, we had a total of eight bent butt outfits, four #80Ws and four #130s.

Next came personal gear, food and beverage neatly packed in two medium sized Igloo coolers. With sleeping bags checked off, major preparations were soon completed. With final review of the check list, we had sailed at approximately 8:30AM.

Way to the west, reports of an occasional albacore or yellowfin tuna were heard from the private boats. Sea conditions were excellent, wind out of the WSW at about 8 to 10 knots. On the trip out this morning, we slopped through 15 to 18 knots of breeze and 2 to 4 foot seas, but as we passed the 60 fathom contour line, the wind let go and sea conditions became comfortable.

Way to the north, barely visible now, as we were over the "edge" in 240 fathoms, could be seen the lobster trawl gear, radar reflectors and giant, pink colored poly balls marking the trawl ends. This gear was fishing the bottom in water close to 100 fathoms in depth. Later on that evening, with consent from the F/V Malestrom, we would tie up to their gear, to spend the night.

As I glanced at the Dytek 1000 Sea Surface Temperature Gauge, I saw the water temperature was now a full 2 degrees below what it had been only a moment ago. Reading 67 degrees, we had obviously come across a "thermal edge." And, we had a collection of salad hanging off two of the lures being trolled astern. Quickly pulled in, hand over hand, the lures cleaned, checked and paid back out, I put the boat into a wide turn. Sharp turns can tangle those canyon killers fished from tag lines, and can take a lot of time to straighten out.

Back into warmer water, no mistak-

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Legend: HUD = Hudson Canyon; DIP = The Dip; BLK = Block Canyon (Fish Tail); CC = Cozy Corner; ATL = East & West Bight of Atlantic Canyon; DG = Dumping Ground; FGRS = Fingers; CL = Cox's Ledge; TB = Tuna Bank; BFH = Butterfish Hole; 40 = 40 Fathoms, South of Montauk.

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ing this major thermal edge. Turning again, it happened quickly. A tremendous boil behind the center rigger lure, then a splash and it was nailed. Shouts, the loran memory button punched, still 1400 RPM, the tag line from number two outfit whacks the tower leg with a crack as the 80W Penn International reel sings under the pull of a second bigeye tuna strike. "Don't touch that rod" is clearly heard, RPMs now decrease, then suddenly increase, the reels now dumping line quickly. With eyes focused intently on the lures astern, number five outfit goes off following the explosion consuming the lure on the fourth wave back. The spool of the #130 Penn International, with the first fish on, is now approaching half empty. With no more strikes, the throttle is eased back and we go to work on the fish.

The offshore fishing season, at least for us here in southern New England, is probably not fully utilized for tunas and marlins. It wouldn't surprise me if various members of the tuna tribe were available all year long somewhere along the 100 fathom edge. However, the weather begins to moderate in late May and early June, allowing the first sport fishing ventures into the deep. So, beginning with this time period, let's review the traditional calendar of fishing.

June sees preparations being made for Canyon fishing, with bigeye, yellowfin and albacore in sharp focus. At this same time, mid-month usually finds the first of the giant bluefin tuna pushing inside 30 fathoms. Only occasionally do vessels from R.I. push as far west as the NE corner of Hudson Canyon. It's a long poke and not all have the speed or fuel capacity to take them to the 15040 line (9960-W-chain). This far west, vessels shift instead to the 9960-X-chain, with fishing references east and west of the 26200 line.

Instead, boats concentrate on the area of the Dip and to the east, with the Fish Tail (Block Canyon) receiving probably the greatest attention over the season. East of this, where the shelf bends from E to ESE, on approximately the 14550 line, is an area called Cozy Corner. Further east, with its East and West Bight, is Atlantis Canyon.

Way inside of this, on the 25 fathom edge south and east of Block Island, the first giant bluefin tuna of the season are being intercepted. This area, called the Tuna Bank, has been popular with boats out of N.Y., Ct., R.I. and Mass. ports.

July, with long periods of settled weather, encourages offshore ventures. Bigeye tuna are prime targets along the Shelf edge, with schools of yellowfin and albacore pushing in along the 35 to 40 fathom contour lines. The 42 fathom area south of Montauk, split by the 14650 line, frequently sees the first of these gamesters. Way to the east, the Dumping Grounds (U.S. Navy, Munitions) can also host early arriving schools of yellowfin and albacore. Hot action can quickly develop in the Fingers to the NW of the Dump.

By mid-month, white marlin arrive in force, typically working their way east. The two Fingers northeast of the 40 fathom area south of Montauk get considerable attention from anglers looking for a "skilly," as does the area of the Dump and Fingers located south of Cox's Ledge.

Come August, it seems bigeye fishing falls off along the 100 fathom edge, but Gulf stream warm core eddies bring with them the chance for a blue marlin. In fact, these 'bubbles' or 'cores' have carried blue marlin as far shoreward as the Tuna Bank. Anglers seeking giant bluefin on these grounds have been surprised to see blue marlin swiping at their trolled offerings.

By mid-month, it seems the many white marlin congregate along the thermal edges way to the east, south of Martha's Vineyard, with numbers either side of 14200 commonly heard over the radio.

With September and its nor'easters albacore and yellowfin hightail it as water temperatures fall, pushing out past the 40 fathom edge. At this time, the west bank of the Butterfish Hole has seen steadily improving action on school and medium bluefin tuna, trolling, jigging and chumming. This area has been referred to as Haab's Ledge by a number of charter boat captains, in memory of the late Captain Walter Haab of Montauk, New York. Generally, action tends to hold up in the Tuna Bank southeast of Block Island as well, with members of the bonito family getting into the act also.

October weather has to be carefully regarded, but there is action to be had. On those days winds abated this past fall, boats fishing 42 to 48 fathoms south of Montauk had all the yellowfin tuna they wanted. In fact, many of the commercial draggers out of Pt. Judith turned their attention to hook and line fishing, landing hundreds of yellowfin tuna within a several day period. Great fishing, if you could get to it.

"Okay, let's get the #130 outfit and angler into the chair, we need to get some line back." Lines, leaders and ignored lures are quickly retrieved, and attention focuses on the outfits attached to the three bigeyes, swimming deep in the cobalt blue of this warm core eddy. Rods in the gun'ls are kept bent, with reel handles turned to retrieve line when pull pressure lightens. In gear, idling ahead, it appears these two fish will cross lines. One drag is eased off, rod passed over, then under, place back in the rod holder, and drag pressure increased. "Fifty foot mark" is heard, then "color, I see color." Water clarity easily allows the crew to see this first fish, now coming quickly. Attention turns to the angler as his gloved hand guides the last few yards of monofilament evenly on the #130 Penn International reel. Tail rope

quickly coiled, gaffs are laid out over the transom. "Hit 'em in the head" is barked, as the #300 lb. test mono leader is grabbed. Quickly gaffed, the tail is lifted, roped and cleated; the lure still firmly embedded in the jaw hinge.

Block and tackle is now quickly readied, as the #80W outfit and second fish is smoothly transferred to the angler in the chair. "Let's get that tail roped fish to the port side cleat, out of the way, so we can get it on the block and tackle." Moments later a bigeye tuna in the 200 lb. range rests on the cockpit deck and attention returns to the second fish, now straight down off the transom corner.

With multiple strikes and fish on, it's imperative that the boat have 'way on'—slow idle ahead. Should you allow a fish to get ahead of the boat, particularly a bigeye, you stand a good chance of losing one or more fish.

Rest assured, I can speak authoritively about mistakes, as I believe I've made them all. It's easy to neglect inspection of the lures for weeks (eel grass, typically), as time and effort have to be expended. Only when a large clump of Sargasso weed attaches itself to the hook do anglers think to clean 'em off.

Another common mistake leads to Chinese strikes—you've heard them, they go something like this, ZING-POW. Drag set too tight, line overworked and tired. All too often, late in the fight, the star drag is tightened to keep the fish's head coming. On the next strike, with drag still tight, the fish of the day decides to lunch on the offering on that outfit. Oh, well ...

I'm getting to the point now, when explaining the basic concepts of offshore fishing to my party, of reminding them several times, to leave the rods in the holders until the boat slows to idle following a strike or two. With a strike and fish on, it seems the prevailing idea is to get all the terminal tackle out of the water. Wrong, for this reason: no lures in the water, no strike. So what if one line passes under another. Keep the lures fishing, in the hope of another bite or two. When it appears no further action will develop, then the throttle is pulled back, lines, leaders and lures are retrieved.

I can easily spot the biological indicators, or road signs, that indicate the presence of fish. My experience has also made it very clear to me that conditions such as wind speed, direction, sea state, water temperature, light intensity, etc., have a direct influence on the potential fishing success for any given day. For example, getting into an area that was hot the day before, we find clear skies and high light intensity. Also, what little wind there is, comes from the east. FAC is the term that describes the sea conditions: FLAT A--CALM. And to make matters even worse, the sea surface temperature is two degrees below that of yesterday. Conditions have changed and with them, so has the fishing.

Rather than get into all the variables, let's take a look at those conditions that seem to exist when the fishing (trolling) is good to excellent for albacore, yellowfin or bluefin (school) tuna. Whatever the fishing mode, there is this adage: early morning and late afternoon bite. If you can hang around till late in the day, chances are you'll get in on an afternoon bite, as light intensity decreases. There is no doubt in my mind that this relates directly to the superior visual acuity of members of the tuna family. Get to the grounds at mid or late morning, and chances are you missed the bite.

Wind out of the south or southwest, strong enough to produce white water, is ideal. I dread those light and variable easterlies, as the fish just seem to develop lockjaw. The lobstermen tell me that the bugs don't pot very well either, on an easterly wind. Wonder why?

And, of course, water temperature and clarity play an important role. Recognize these variables, make some notes, keep a record, and be aware that conditions can change quickly—in fact, they constantly change.

I hope what I've reported in this two-part article will assist you with your offshore fishing, and I thank you for giving it some consideration.

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FLATFISH DUET: A Summer Serenade

by William A. Muller

There isn't anything very unusual about catching fluke and flounder on the same trip. It's done regularly in the western south shore bays and in Moriches Bay especially. Since the best fluking occurs in the summer, most anglers would agree that the difficult part of the double header is catching good sized flounder. In spite of my awareness of this summer fishery, I'd never gone out with the idea of deliberately catching quality and quantity of both species; that is until I began changing my fishing styles some three or four years ago.

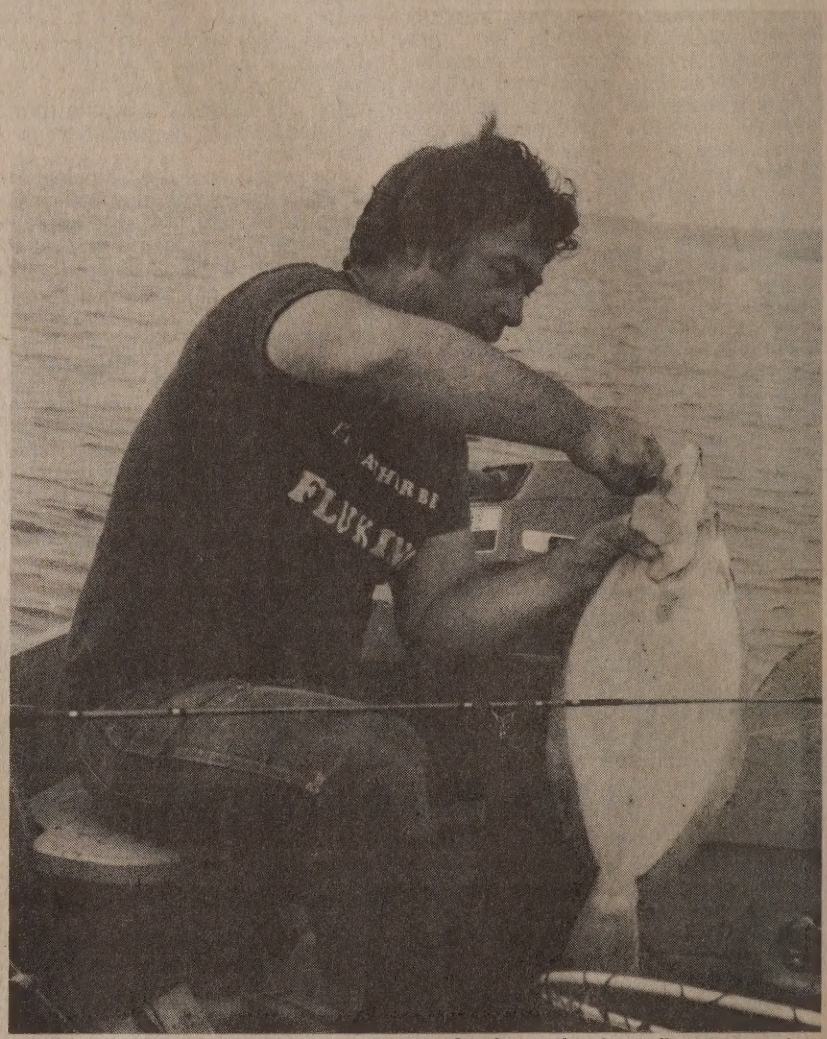
If you'd like to try the flatfish double, what are the keys to success. Techniques really don't change just because your target is two species. Many of you are very well versed in the arts of flounder and fluke fishing so I'll only touch on that part of the how-to in deference to the specific approaches needed for catching both on the same trip.

First, know your tide. Fish bite better on different tides in different places. Now if both the flounder and fluke bite on the same tide, you'll need to split the six hour tide between both. But, if fluke are better on the incoming and flounder better on the outgoing (or good on both tides), then arrange your day to take advantage of both tidal prime periods.

Unless you're an all-day fanatic, figure to begin your fishing for a given species during the best part of the tide and in the most likely spot. That decision is easy for several spots close to my home, for example. I fish the last two hours of the flood for fluke and the first two hours of the ebb for flounder.

Although fluke will be found in all their usual haunts, flounder may not be in their spring hang-outs in July. Look for the good-sized flounder during the summer in the deepest waters. Favorite spring mud-holes may be empty of flounder now because they are too shallow and thus the water they contain too warm. Large flounder may be found on hard bottoms such as sand if the water temperatures are to their liking. So that's the second key; find areas for flounder where the flounder really are and not where they were in the spring. Local boat liveries and tackle stores can usually help you out a lot in this department.

The third key, also relevant for flounder is bait. Bank mussels or clams may be preferred in some ports during the spring, but my experience to date suggests that worms hold the edge in summer. Once again, your tackle store and boat livery will be a wealth of valuable information on which worms are producing best.



Nick Castoro of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station unhooks a fine 5 pound fluke that fell for a bucktail tipped with a live killie.

A fourth key is discipline. If you start with flounder and do well, remember what your goal is. You can stay with the flounder on the next tide and you may take a good number of them, but you'll have squandered the chance for fluke. Obviously, the same is true if you begin with fluke. If your goal is important to you, and the day is shaping up as conducive to success, pull that anchor and get on to the next species.

Fifth tip. Don't cut back on equipment because your are gearing up for two. Do bring that chum pot, the landing net, the extra rod and anything else you usually bring along on either trip. It may be a little more hassle, but once you're out there, you'll appreciate having them all.

Well, those are what I consider to be the main keys to double success. Many of you may have others, but in my limited experience, these have played crucial roles.

The specifics of tackle will vary with

personal preferences, but I prefer baitcasting equipment for both species of late, although I confess to having as a constant companion an ultra-light spinning outfit. That being what it may, baitcasting tackle has really come into its own in saltwater and I think this tackle is a natural for shallow bay bottom dwellers. The reels were originally designed for freshwater use, but a wash after each use and annual winter service will make these quality reels last for many years. I've enjoyed many good days with a variety of products including am Ambassadeur 4600 Plus, Shimano's Bantams 100, 400 and 1000 models and Zebco's Quantum QD 1310. Good rods to complement these reels include the Ugly Stik BC 1100, Fenwick MagSticks, Cabela MagStick and Zebco's Q Stick and also Berkley's Lightning series popping rods.

Recently, I've been using the Quantum reel and Q Stick combination a lot. The outfit is very comfortable, durable, and casts a quarter ounce bucktail over 100 feet. It is very lightweight, too, which means you can cast all day without fatigue. Some may find the rod's pistol grip difficult to get used to in the salt chuck, but after an hour or so it will seem like this rod has been a part of you for years.

In recent years I've turned my back on long leader fluke rigs and other awkward terminal gear in favor of small bucktails. Many writers have written that if they had only one lure they could use, it would be a bucktail. Well, fluke agree; they like it.

Fishing with bucktails makes catching, fighting, and landing the fluke easier and bucktails aren't only for special occasions either. Experiences of the last few years indicate that bucktails work when long leaders, killies, squid and sand eels just won't cut the mustard. Perhaps that's because the darting bucktail excites lethargic fish into striking.

I like small bucktails; from 1/8 to 3/8 ounces, depending upon water depth and the speed of the drift. Use lighter lures when the water is shallow and the drift slow and larger ones when the drift is fast and the water deep. Light lines of 10 lb. test or less will help the bucktails stay down in productive territory and work properly.

Most of the time you won't need severe jigging motions. Most of the time it's best to drag the bucktail along the bottom and twitch your wrist from time to time. Most of the strikes occur as the bucktail settles back down to the bottom.

I like to tip the bucktails with thin squid pennants, or wedges of fluke belly, but mackerel strips and wiggling killies also do the job.

A last thought. Bring a large cooler with ice to keep your summer catch cold to preserve the quality of the flesh for eating. Have a great time and enjoy your double header. We hope you win both ends!

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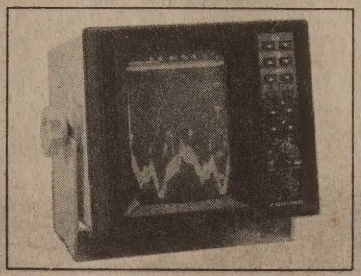

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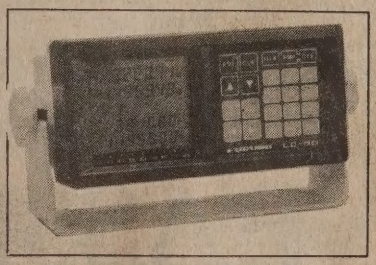

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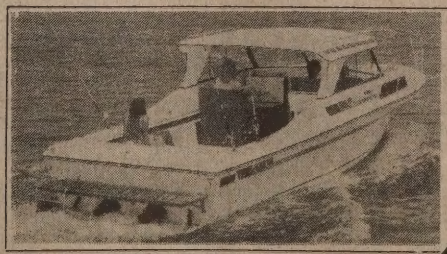

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BASSING'S LEAST UNDERSTOOD LURE

by Dick Mermon

This little used tool can greatly improve the effectiveness of any bass angler's arsenal.

Of all the artificials available for black bass fishing, the leadhead jig is probably the least understood, which is why many anglers shy away from them. Still, this homely looking lure has the charisma to capture the largest of black bass, any time of the year.

All artificials are basically imitations of some type of forage that largemouths favor. Swimming plugs and crankbaits represent injured baitfish, crayfish, or frogs. A soft plastic worm is a reproduction of an eel, snake, or worm. The spinnerbait emulates the motion of a baitfish in conjunction with flash and vibrations. However, a jig especially one which has a multitude of rubbery, lifelike legs does not even resemble what a bass dines upon. But, what about in the eyes of a largemouth?

A jig can be employed successfully throughout the season on any given lake, pond or river. This bizarre lure requires a special technique to make it appealing as it crawls along the bottom and that is the secret to its success. Lures are costly and many anglers have a tendency to shy away from baits which can become entangled in heavy cover. "A lost lure is money down the drain," so the thought goes. But, what about the prize it is targeted for? Is it worth it? If an angler does not lose a lure or two, he or she is not fishing in the proper place and therefore, the whole thing actually becomes a trade-off. You have to give something to get something and that something spells "big bass."

Leadhead jigs do not snag as easily as one surmises. In fact, a swimming lure or deep diver is more apt to become hooked-up and permanently entangled faster than a jig. True, the leadhead may become wedged between rocks, or hooked into submerged debris, but a scant reverse of the boat's forward motion toward the

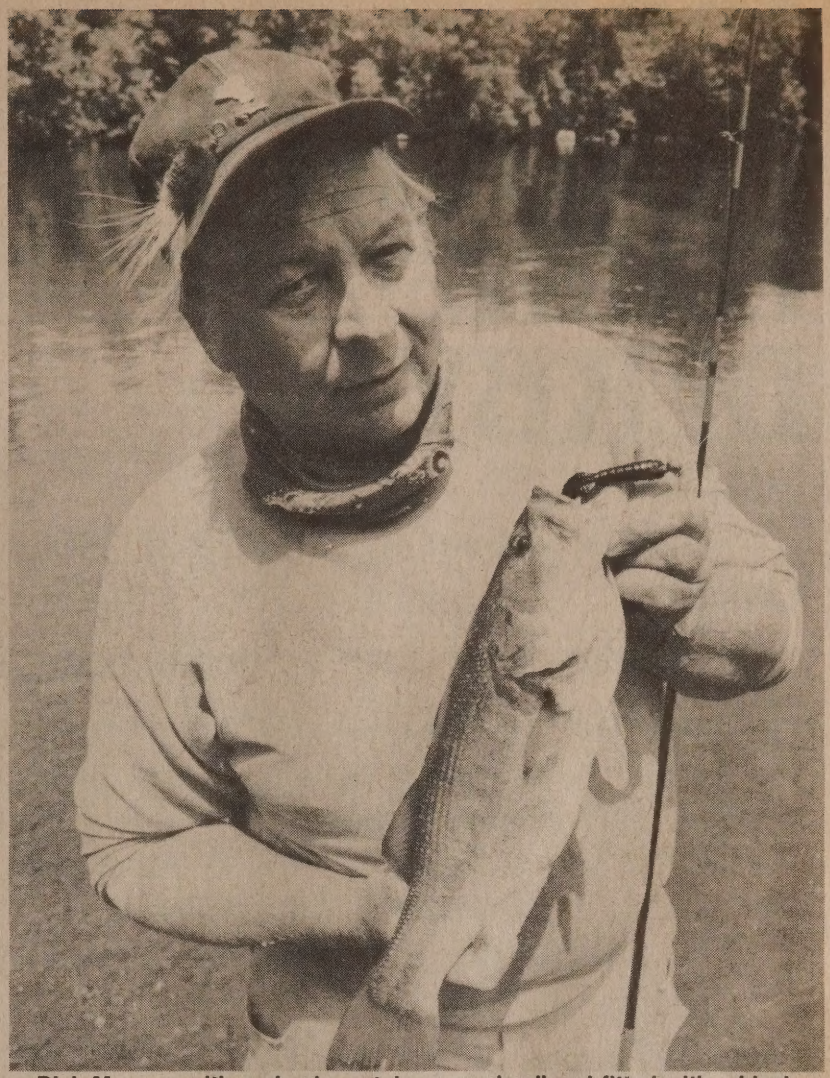
snag will often release the lure from its obstruction. At first, leadheads were only available without weed guards, but now most of them are manufactured with a nylon protection. This type of weed guard is exactly what the name implies, "weed guard," preventing the lure from collecting vegetation over the hook. It does not safeguard the jig from attaching itself onto submerged branches. However, there is a leadhead jig available which is almost snag-proof called, "The Weed 'Em Out Jig." It can be purchased from Big Al Lures, P.O. Box 252, Bayesville, OH 43723. The jig is not similar to most others manufactured where the hook's eye protrudes from the top. On this lure, the eye extends directly from the leadhead's front and supports a thin, flexible stainless steel wire weed-guard. The combination of the hook eye's positioning and weed guard, allows the lure to crawl over, into and through various subterranean fish holding structure.

When jigs first became popular several years ago, they were dressed with bucktail hair, or marabou feathers. Then came the rubber and vinyl pre-rolled skirts. Presently, these kinky-looking lures are now dressed with strands of soft, slender latex called "living rubber," which move about even as the lure rests on the bottom. They supply the artificial with pizzazz.

Leadhead jigs, like Jello, come in a variety of flavorful colors, but it is more a combination of the lure's weight and color which produces fish. The choice is not merely haphazard, but part of the lure's productive technique. Most black bass anglers never consider the two most important factors when it comes to fishing a jig: water depth and lure weight. Actually, the leadhead can be utilized in any water depth from shoreline shallows to 20 feet or more and with the same single weight, which should be on the heavier side.

In "flipping," or the technique of underhand swinging of an artificial into a spot that would be almost impossible to overcast to, the lure is simply dropped gently and permitted to descend toward bottom. No matter what type of cover is there, the jig must have sufficient weight to reach bottom. When a bass takes a jig as soon as it enters the water, the strike feels like a light tap, or "tick" at the rod tip. When this sensation is felt, the hook should be set immediately. Upon reaching the bottom, the jig should be gingerly danced a few times and if nothing happens, the procedure repeated again in another location. Even when a leadhead is bounced on the bottom, bass never strike it hard, they merely inhale the lure and the same sensation is transmitted to the rod tip as a light tap. This gossamer strike must be defined from that of structure or bottom.

Weed pockets are ideal locations for flipping these jigs. Here too, it is softly dropped into each weed free opening, or along the edges. Look for a protruding point, or an elongation of the weedline within the opening and target the lure for that particular spot, or the point on your first cast. If no strike occurs, keep working the lure further back making sure it descends through sub-surface weeds and settles on the bottom. If the jig does not pass into the depths, a heavier one must be used, for the key to successful jig-flippin' is getting to where the fish can see the lure, down below.



Dick Mermon with a nice bass taken on a leadhead fitted with a black grubtail.

Deep water structure and jigs were made for each other. Yet, few anglers have the knowledge of what to do with them in the depths. One fact is for certain, leadhead jigs are far easier to use in deep areas than any other artificial. The scheme is simple, cast it out and let the thing sink to the bottom. It is the acquaintance of a new feel which must be acquired and once the lure touches down, all it takes to activate it is a slight movement of the rod tip. Each time the lure is "danced" on the bottom, slack line is retrieved and kept taut for more sensitivity. Should there be no bottom feeling, a heavier jig must be used. I have found the most productive weights are 3/8 and 5/8 ounces.

Leadhead jigs are rarely exercised without added enticement. Some of these seductive supplements are tail sections of discarded soft plastic worms, flipping tails, imitation plastic frogs, pork chunks, or eels. Most often it is a pork chunk which earns the right to join forces with a leadhead jig. Not only does the pork give the lure additional motion, but it produces an extra amount of buoyancy, sanctioning a slower rate of descent. Also, each time the jig is twitched, the pork's extensions resemble that of crayfish pincers and the entire lure transforms itself into something quite enticing and earthly.

The leadhead jig is the tackle industry's most recent creation, but it took a fisherman to devise it. The primary thought in employing this artificial is not to be concerned as to whether it is going to hang up or not. Permit the lure to do what it was designed to do: catch bass in all types of structure. With a little practice, the leadhead jig should rank near the top of your favorite list of bass catchers.

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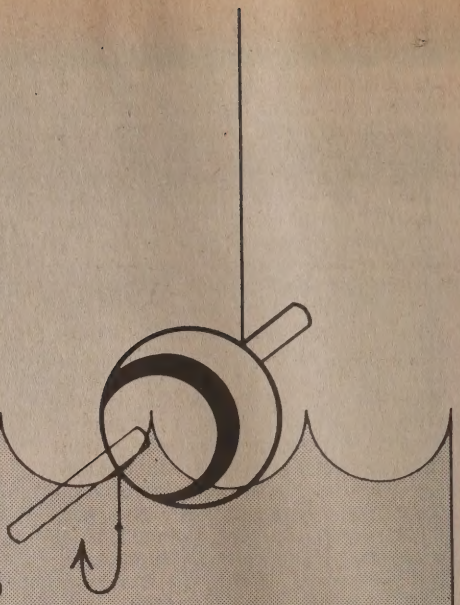

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SAND SPIT FLUKE

by John Fritz

Fire Island Inlet's Cedar Bar provides a pleasant diversion for surfmen faced with the summer doldrums.

Serious beach fishermen pursue their sport through a broad spectrum of weather conditions. From end of the season snow flurries to violent mid-summer thunderstorms, anglers desirous of catching fish are, for the most part, immune to the changing character of Mother Nature. This disregard for comfort is especially true of those crazies who seek the glamor fish of the surf: the elusive striped bass, the gaudy weakfish or the scrappy blue devils. There comes a time in the course of every season, though, when these game fish are conspicuous by their absence. At such times, shore-bound anglers are faced with three choices: take to a boat and seek these fish in the cooler depths, hang up the rods for a few weeks or divert attention to other species. This pause in the sequence of events usually coincides with a time when summer flounder are to be found in quantity within the south shore inlets. The scene of one such possible encounter is the west bar of Fire Island Inlet, in the vicinity of Cedar Beach.

The six dollar plugs and expensive surf rods can be forgotten, for no fancy equipment is required. In fact, a minimum of terminal tackle and a light spinning rod is adequate and on these sweltering summer days under a noonday sun, a bathing suit is all the clothing required, unless one is sensitive to the sun's rays or fearful of a nip on the toes by a pesky crab. If such is the case, an old pair of sneakers and a tee shirt will provide protection from either of these irritations.

Fluke fishermen frequenting this spit of land have the choice of either casting from the edge of the raised portion of the bar or wading onto the shallow shelf which projects from the tip. The bar's never ending extension westward. The latter practice is more easily accomplished during the latter stages of an ebb tide.

Fishermen plying the drier portions of the beach have one major advantage in that all the necessary accoutrements can be placed on the sand within easy reach and beyond the grasp of a stray wave. Bait can be kept frozen in a cooler or fresh in a live bait car at one's feet, while hooked fish can be safely slid onto the sand and quickly placed in a suitable container. Those who decide to string out along the lower sections of the bar must make some accommodation for fishing in knee high water or beyond. Naturally the depth of the water varies. It is determined by the stage of the tide, height of the surf, the

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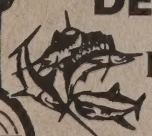

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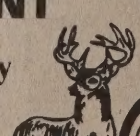

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extent one travels towards the end of the bar or how close one approaches the steep incline where the bar plunges into the trough which separates it from Cedar Beach.

What was a simple task on dry land is now something which must be given some thought, if one is to eliminate a repetitious trek back to shore each time a fish is hooked or fresh bait is required. The bait container may be as elaborate as a live killie car, secured to one's person with a short length of lightweight rope, or the store bought bait holder which is designed to be worn on a belt.

Heavy duty brass or stainless stringers favored when surfmen pursue the glamor species are not necessary for stringing one to three pound fluke. Although a few anglers seem content to use the clip-on, freshwater type stringer, one or two dunkings in the briny will cover them with a uniform coat of rust. For fishing such as this, a suitable length of nylon cord is sufficient. Stringing a fish will be simplified if a 4 to 6 inch length of rust-free metal or wooden dowel is attached to the end. This will facilitate threading the line through the gills and out the mouth of any fish destined for the frying pan. The dentures on a fluke, while not as impressive as those of a bluefish, are more than capable of piercing the skin of a careless finger. Fresh caught fish kept in the sea is a good second choice to packing them in ice. If fashioning a stringer requires too much effort, an onion sack will serve the purpose equally well.

I'm a bit out of sequence because before we place a fish on the stringer we first have to land it safely. I suppose the surfman's customary gaff could be used, but care must be taken not to stick a fish under the 14 inch minimum length. A short handled landing net, of the type used by stream fishermen, would be more appropriate. While grabbing a fluke may be difficult, most anglers choose to land their fish without the aid of mechanical attachments. With the rod tucked under the armpit, one hand can grasp the leader just above the hook and with the fish still lying on the surface of the water, grasp the fish firmly just behind the head. An especially prized specimen can generally be walked back to shore.

The currents flowing along the north, or inside, of this bar are virtually nil, in sharp contrast to the inlet side, where several ounces of lead is required to hold bottom in the best of conditions. In the trough facing Cedar, one ounce sinkers will be more than adequate, a feature which permits the use of ultra-light spinning gear. When fishing with gossamer type lines, less rigs will be broken off if a 12 inch length of stronger monofilament is secured to the business end of the line by means of a blood knot. Fancy terminal tackle can be eliminated, a loop at the end of the line for the sinker and a dropper

loop tied 3 inches or so above. To this loop, a two foot leader (the standard three foot leader is more difficult to cast) adorned with a 1/0 to 3/0 wide gapped English style hook can be fastened. A nail clipper or cutting pliers, hung on a line around one's neck, will allow for the simple release of short fluke which have swallowed the hook.

To the fluke fisherman's delight, the summer flounder's appetite is quite extensive. Starting with the ever-popular strip of squid coupled with a live killie, spearing or sand eel. Fresh bait is preferable and can be obtained with a seine net further in the lagoon, but frozen bait will not be ignored. On most days sand eels are more readily accepted than spearing, probably since this bar is located in open water, an area more likely to harbor concentrations of these slender baitfish. In any event, a live baitfish pierced through the jaw or a dead baitfish impaled through the eyes is added to the hook already adorned with a strip of squid. Some anglers say they achieve excellent results using the soft plastic, sand eel imitations, an ideal substitute if a trip to the bait shop is not practical.

If squid is not available, several substitutes are possible, in fact, some contend they produce better results. Lengths of fluke belly heads this list but first someone has to land that initial fish. Strips taken from the underside of those pesty sundials, which repeatedly attack your teaser when seeking north shore weakfish, can be kept in the freezer for just this purpose. Likewise with the silver lining from the belly of the mackerel, although I wouldn't ruin a good bass bait to satisfy fluke. Cutting a notch or slicing the trailing portion of a strip bait will impart a bit more tantalizing action as the bait is dragged along the bottom. This slow drag, punctuated with a slight twitch of the rod tip, is the technique which most often produces results.

For the purist, a half ounce white bucktail bounced along the bottom is sure to arouse the interest of a predator like the fluke. The Hopkins Hammerhead model works well, especially if tipped with a sliver of fluke or mackerel belly.

Conforming to the pattern favored by the majority of inlet beach fishermen, the ebb tide seems to put more fish in the sand in this instance also. A factor which pleases those anglers edging out along the outer reaches of the bar, away from the crowds. The water temperatures at this time of the year (mid-July to mid-August) are conducive to prolonged periods of wading. Only a freshening southwest wind could cause some discomfort, an annoyance easily ignored if the fish are biting with abandon. If the fishing proves to be slow one can always return to the drier portions of the beach and set out a crab trap. This trough plays host to profuse quantities of tasty blue claw crabs, but that is another story.

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RIGGING & BUILDING OFFSHORE LURES

Part Two — *by Pete Barrett*

There's something magical about offshore trolling lures. Even the most gruff canyon fishermen with years of experience under their hats can still feel the aura of mystery held in each lure. The brightly colored skirts and shiny polished heads with huge eyes, pearl shell reflectors and carefully designed shapes are addictive. What canyon fisherman can resist just one more lure? One more "secret" color, shape or action that will catch fish so well that even skeptics will be amazed.

The quest for a new lure with the "perfect" head shape, swimming action, skirt color and length is never ending and is part of the overall appeal of offshore fishing. Many a bad weather day is saved by experiments putting together a new lure or making changes to an old lure.

Most of us addicts have been hooked many times over by the effective lure displays in favorite tackle shops or by word of mouth about the lure that rumor said "Joe used to catch that huge bigeye" that we must now add to our arsenal. Unfortunately, many of those hot numbers fizzle and don't catch too well.

Other lures in our assortment show battle scars from bouts with memorable fish that may include such injuries as torn and chewed skirts. I have a favorite lure that had its skirt ripped off by a savage strike from a bigeye. We caught the fish, but the lure was temporarily ruined and unfishable. A jet head had its skirt torn beyond repair by a white that attacked it viciously with its rough-edged bill.

Also in the pile of discarded lures are those that just didn't seem to work right, the colors were wrong, the skirt too long or too short. The fizzles, the ripped up and mismatched lures can be repaired to troll again with the methods shown in this three part series on lure rigging.

Last week my son, Rich, discussed how to rig lures with the wraparound style skirts. This week we'll take a look at rigging a lure with a double skirt of the slip-on kind. Dave Arbeitman and Grant Toman of the Reel Seat patiently took the time from their business of rod building to model in the photos that accompany this second part. This method of skirt installation is probably the most popular of all offshore lure construction methods and is used by most lure manufacturers. The sequence we'll describe can be used to renovate an old favorite or to build a brand new lure from parts you buy at a tackle shop.

Please keep in mind that there are many variations to lure rigging. The methods shown work very well, but they are not the only word in rigging. Part of the fun of rigging and repairing your own lures comes from the ability to freely experiment and try new things. Our methods are meant as a guide to get you started.

Photo One: The items needed include (from top right) the lure head, DentuTape or Gudebrod lure rigging floss, scissors, 2 skirts and a can of silicon spray or liquid soap.

Photo Two: Lay the skirts next to the lure head and trim off the excess forward part of the skirt so both skirts will seat properly on the rear section of the lure head. If the top skirt has an eye molded into it, be sure to allow enough space so the eye is not cut off.

Photo Three: Turn both skirts inside out. Spray the under skirt with silicon spray or liquid soap, then spray the lure head.

Photo Four: Slide the under skirt over the front of the lure head until the skirt stops at the rear edge of the head.

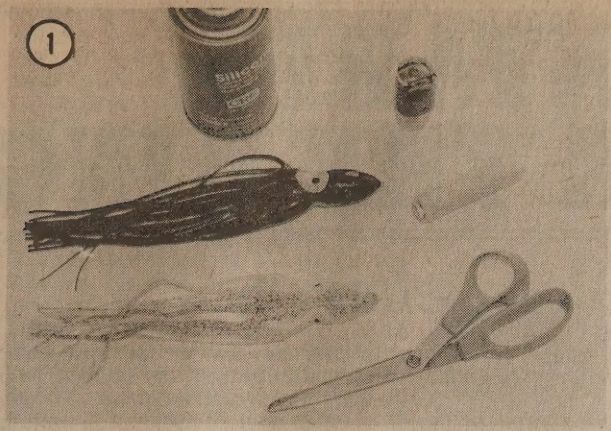
Photo Five: Use about 2 feet of Gudebrod lure rigging floss or DentuTape and make 3 to 4 tight wraps around the skirt. Finish off with a pair of half hitches and trim off the excess.

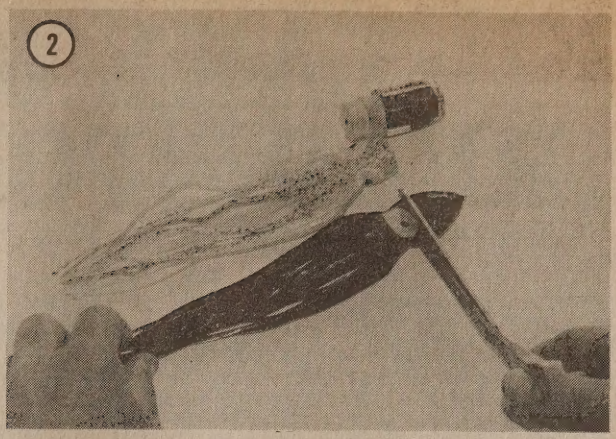
Photo Six: Roll the skirt back so it is now right side out and check to see that it is properly secured in place.

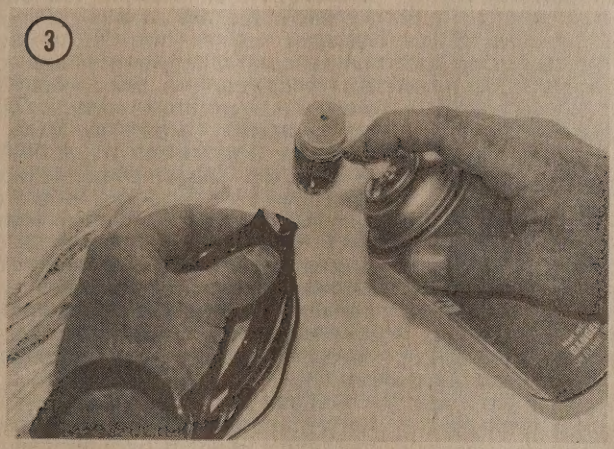
Photo Seven: Use silicon spray or liquid soap and install the outer skirt in the same manner as the under skirt. Tie in place with the floss, then roll back right side out.

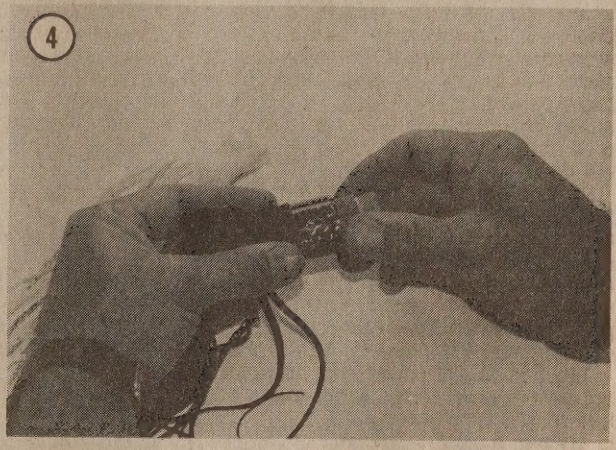
Photo Eight: The finished lure ready for rigging with hooks. Note: if the outer skirt has molded-in eyes, as in the sample lure, be sure to line up the skirt eyes with the lure eyes before tying in place with the floss.

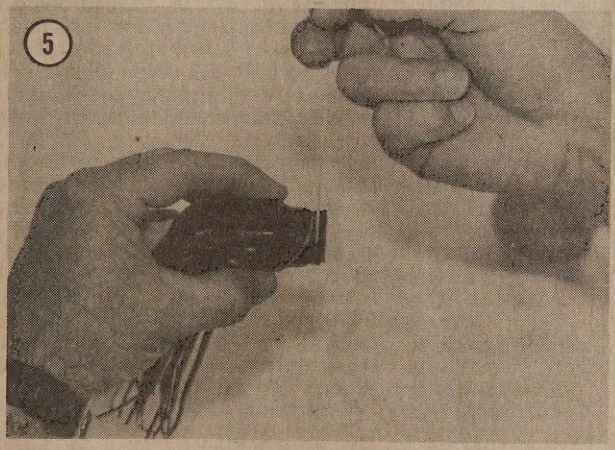
Experimentation with various lure designs paid off for Rick Methot, right.

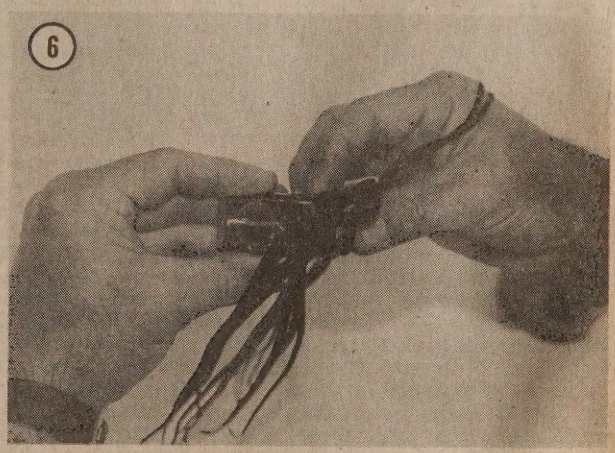


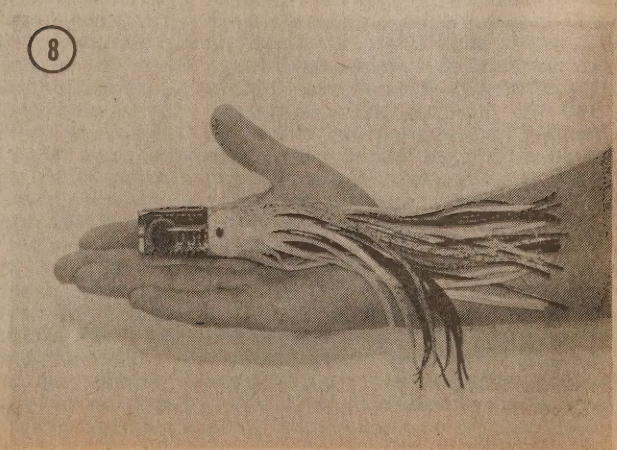












LAKE ONTARIO: READY FOR THE KING

by Rich Giessuebel

Every year the New York State Hatchery people release hundreds of thousands of steelhead, brown trout, coho salmon and chinook salmon into rivers surrounding Lake Ontario. The small fish remain for awhile in their stream of origin and pick up a tracer quality which allows them to find the very same waters later on in their lives. Soon, after being in the river, the fish migrate out into the giant Lake Ontario. There, they feed upon huge schools of alewife herring called "mooneye" or "sawbelly" and smelt. Other forage fish exist in the lake as well. One which is heavily fed upon is the yellow perch. In any case, there's tons of bait available and the fish grow to enormous proportions.

Feeding at a ravenous pace, these fish put on pounds per year. In fact, the brown trout eat themselves to death. Here fish that might be expected to live for 5 to 8 years quickly succumb to being overweight and die somewhere around three years old and 10 to 12 lbs. or so. These fish are referred to as "footballs," since their length has a hard time keeping up with their girth, they get rather fat and look very much like the ole pigskin.

While the other species are just getting big, the chinook or king salmon is getting humongous! After three years of feeding at a killer pace, these giant salmonids approach the weight of 25 to 40 lbs. They do not succumb to overweight, either. These fish get more powerful every day so that they will be able to return to their place of birth and finish the last chapter in their life.

The drive to reproduce is strong. The rivers that their ancestral relatives had to overcome were in most cases awesome. High waterfalls, swift currents and tricky shallows all blocked the way. Therefore, through genetics, each fish has been imprinted with the inate ability to gain in weight and strength to make the arduous journey. When mixed with hook and line, each and every king salmon has the potential to be the best fighting fish you have ever seen. This potential is often realized and battles with this giant of Lake Ontario can last up to and over an hour!

Tackle considerations must be made well ahead of time if you intend to do successful battle with this very willing and able adversary. If you are not ready, you will not win the fight. Also, consider on which field of battle you are willing to meet him. He can be caught offshore during the months of August, September and October. Actually, he can be caught offshore during every month, however, during the above mentioned months, he is gathering outside the river of his origin and preparing to run up and spawn. So, it is during these three months that the biggest fish are encountered in very close to shore and in locations that makes hooking into one relatively easy. Or, you could opt to meet your monster somewhere along the stream between where he enters the river and where he is heading upriver to spawn. Should you choose either of these two alternatives, the tackle required for success will be totally different.

Offshore Tackle Requirements: Let us begin with hardware for your boat. You should have a good fish finder. Some of the better devices on the market today which do an excellent job on Lake Ontario include: Humminbird, CH Thirty II chart recorder; Lowrance X15A Sonar Computer; Eagle, Mach 1 graph computer, Si-Tex HE 357 or HE 32 depth recorder; and the Ray Jefferson MX 2500 chart recorder. With these graph recorders, you will be able to get a picture of what fish are under the boat. It is very important to know that you are at least fishing where the giant salmon are. Sometimes they get a case of lockjaw. If you know they are down there, then all you have to do is wait them out!

Other hardware topside will include a healthy mix of downriggers. These returning fish will gather in water between 40 and 100 feet deep. We have on most occasions found them right on or very near the bottom. Therefore, you must be able to present your lures very deep and the best way to accomplish this is with a dependable downrigger. Some of the better downriggers in use on the big lake include: Penn, Fathom-master long and short boom riggers; Luhr-Jense, Auto Electric and Trac I and II power riggers; Big Jon, Electric BJ2000TPD riggers and the Cannon Electric and Manual boom extending downriggers. These devices all give you the capability to get your lures down to where the fish are and to use light tackle in the process.

One final piece of hardware and perhaps the most important is an accurate and dependable depth thermometer. With such a device, you should be able to tell the water's temperature from the surface all the way down to the bottom. The best thermal devices hook up directly to a downrigger cable. Now, as you lower the cable you are receiving instant feedback as to the depth and temperature at the level where you are fishing your lure. Since these fish are quite temperature sensitive, you can reasonably expect to catch a particular species at a particular temperature. The temperatures most associated with these species are as follows: lake trout, 50 degrees; brown trout, 60 degrees; rainbow trout, 55 degrees; coho and chinook salmon, 53 degrees. Find the proper water temperature, fish your bait or lure in that precise temperature, and you should expect to be able to do reasonably well.

Rod and reel requirements will all be in the same general area. Since most of the fishing is accomplished by trolling, you will be able to use just about any trolling outfit as long as the rod is around 9 feet long and the reel can hold over 350 yards of line. The line test used on your reel should run from 12 pound test for browns, lakes and steelhead (rainbows). While for king salmon, you should go slightly heavier. The best weight line for kings is between 16 and 20 pound test. Just make certain that you have a good line capacity on your reel, because the kings can make runs of over 500 yards. Since you only have 350 yards or so on your reel, you will have to chase the fish with the boat, allowing the anglers fighting the fish to gain line during the chase.

Acceptable rods include: Shimano, Loomis, Eagle Claw, Daiwa and Shakespeare. They all make downrigger rods in lengths from 8½ to 11 feet. These rods have good whip to them and can indicate quickly when a lure has been snatched off a downrigger weight. The strike is registered when the rod which is reeled down toward the water springs upward. The more flexible rods allow you to use light line and with each of the downriggers rods mentioned, you could probably go as light as 6 to 8 pound test.

For reels, you want to use levelwinds with good line capacities, and excellent drags. Some models that work well in combination with the downriggers rods are: Daiwa's 27H, Penn 210 MS and MF, Shakespeares 2950-245 and 350, and Ryobi AD 80L.

These reels are all equipped with good line capacities and drag systems. All are very dependable and built to give years of service.

For lures, kings will strike a variety of types and styles. The plugs that are most productive include: Luhr Jensen's J-Plug, Lindy-Little Joe's Pop-Tail, Bomber Bait's Long As, Rapalas and Rebels in sizes 11 and 13. Mix colors and try to have at least several in each color patterns. The reason for this is because if one particular pattern and color proves to be outfishing all the others, you want to be able to use several of the hot lure, rather than just the one! Hot colors in Lake Ontario include: perch back or green, all silver, blue streaked and the hot orange streaked lures.

For spoons, there are many types again. The best ones are, however, the Clearwater spoons, the Sutton spoons, the Luhr Jensen Alpena Diamond, and the Mepps Spoons. Again, these lures come in a multiplicity of lengths and colors. The smart angler will make certain to have a good assortment of these lures so should any be lost or prove to be the hot one for the day, there will be others ready to be used.

Dodgers aren't used too much for kings, but when cohos are mixed in with the bigger king, you should use them and flash squid combinations. The flash squids and other type green squids all come with prepared leaders. You might find it advantageous to remove the packaged leaders and substitute monofilament leaders in the 20 pound test range. As for dodgers, all silver, hot orange and green tend to attract salmon. Remember, only fish the squid between a foot and a half to two feet behind the dodger.

River Tackle Requirements: Since there aren't any hardware requirements for fishing in the rivers, let's get right into the types of rods and reels you will need to be successful. If you like fly fishing outfits, you need look out for only one problem. The kings can be so big that a light rod which bends away from you at about a foot above the handle will be too light. Most heavy flyrods are too light! The best rod for this type of fishing is the Shakespeare FY 1000 9 foot heavy duty fly rod. It's an Ugly Stik with tremendous rod tip flexability, however, the butt end is very strong and will not bend away from you for well up to over 3½ feet. Any matching fly reel will do. With this rod and 20 pound test line, you will be able to stop most giant salmon within 15 minutes of their initial two or three runs. Therefore, there is very little line gathering or drag pulling during the fight. Some reels you might consider are: Pflueger Medalist size 1498 (rather inexpensive), Hardy Markuis 328-965 fly reel, and an Orvis fly reel rated for salmon.

Besides fly fishing, you might also elect to use spinning tackle in the rivers for kings. Again, you should look for the salmon/steelhead rods put out by the companies mentioned before, but make certain to get the spin casting variety, which is very different from the trolling or bait casting variety. Reels that should be used fall into the heavy freshwater, light saltwater types. Shimano's MLZ 30, Penn's 430 SS, Ryobi's S3000, Shakespeare's Sigma Supra 2500-050, and Daiwa's BG20 all fit the bill as excellent choices to be matched on these rods for either salmon or steelhead. The only difference being that if you are fishing for kings, you want 20 pound test line on the reel and if you are fishing for steelhead, you can get away with 8 pound test.

King salmon fight long and hard. The right tackle took this 20 pounder in under 15 minutes.

A pair of chest waters, a life belt to tie around the waders so that if you slip, no water can get into the waders and either felt bottoms or steel cleats of any type should be on the waders to keep you from slipping. You **do not** need thermal waders while fishing for king salmon. In fact, some guys, especially early in the run don't wear any waders. They just put on sneakers and long pants. The legs get wet, but even if there's a cool breeze blowing, their legs stay rather warm. It is much easier to walk, fight fish and climb up and out of the river without waders on.

Lures for the river should be Luhr Jensen's Hot Shots. Stick to all gold, silver, or dark pink. There are so many colors on the market, that in order to buy one of each, you would have to be a millionaire! You really do not require any other lure.

Hooks should be top quality and must conform to New York State salmon fishing regulations by not having a gap between the barb of the hook and its shank of more than 1/2 inch. Make certain to have heavy duty barrel swivels and 1/4 to 1/2 ounce split shot.

If you can gather all of this gear together, you will not need too much else in order to be successful. As for the finer points on how to put this tackle to its best use, look for the next article which will be on "Catching King Salmon," in next month's issues. Remember, for most fresh - water fish, you can get away with almost any kind of tackle, however, where king salmon are concerned, you best get the right tackle because if you don't it will be very hard to hook and land your catch.

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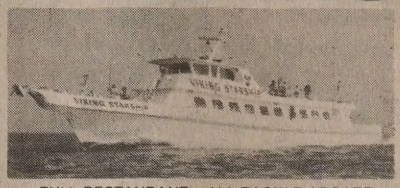

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Offshore waters were described as teeming with life including a 1,174 pound blue marlin, an 892 pound mako, dozens of bigeye tuna, yellowfin and marlin. Inshore, blue marlin (485 pounds), sharks of all varieties, giant tuna, bluefin, albacore, yellowfin, with white marlin seem to be everywhere. Bottom fishing, particularly cod, blues and fluke picked up considerably, with porgy catches reaching historic proportions.

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The largest blue marlin ever brought into Montauk was caught over the weekend on the "Tempo" during a Canyon Trip. The huge fish took an artificial lure, trolled by Captain Harry Clemmens. Although the boat's owner, Joe Sweedler was not on board, his sons were and young Bill was well up to the job of fighting the fish for four and a half hours. Back at Montauk, the first attempt to weigh the fish was at **Star Island Yacht Club**, where it was discovered that the fish was too long to clear the bulkhead. This required a trip to the **Montauk Marine Basin**, where the entire length of the monster could be cleared of obstructions. The final weight of the blue marlin is 1,174 pounds. According to the IGFA 1986 record book, the current record on eighty pound line is 1,128 for a marlin caught off Hatteras in 1975, leading to speculation as to whether or not this fish will be a new world's record.

Charley Fuchs of **Star Island Yacht Club** reports the ocean alive with all species of fish with plenty of mako, tuna of all kinds and billfish. A 535 pound mako was caught on the weekend, winning the South Norwalk Boat Club Shark Tournament. Paul Hiller Junior was on the rod. Some Canyon catches include ten bigeye on the "Jeana Lisa", three on the "Barbara Jack", four on both the "Cutlet" and "Salmar". Bigeye were also caught on the "Lucky L", "Jim Lor" and "Chris Gin". The tuna ranged from 117 to 214 pounds. Inshore at both the Butterfish and Mud Holes, yellowfin and bluefin are now taking chunked baits.

Porgy action is red hot at Montauk. Captain Dusty Dorzbacher reports high hook on Saturday John Murriell with 96 porgies, George Chow with 83 on the **Little Bear**. According to Captain Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud**

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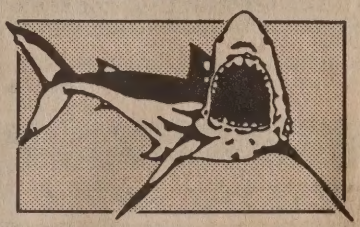
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a new run of fish, larger with some to two and a half pounds, moved in over the weekend, with good numbers caught by anglers. Average catches are running seventy or more per man. On Saturday, Willie Cornell of the Bronx was high hook with 95 fish, he returned Sunday to catch 130. Both Captain Dusty and Captain Fred commented on the amount of healthy mussels on the porgy grounds, which should keep the fish around. According to their records, this is the best season since 1978, in quantity, quality and reliability of daily catches. All fishing is at the point, close to home.

This reporter found these mind boggling catches irresistable and joined Captain Bird on the **Flying Cloud** on Wednesday to get a lesson in porgy catching, as well as some video tape for L.I. Fishing. The mates, Sidney Barton and Larry "the Clam" McLane were kept busy cutting bait all day due to furious action. High hook went to Sal Narcini with 101 porgies. I discovered all counts are accurate, since Captain Fred awards a half fare ticket daily to the angler with the most fish. Sal returned the next day, for 86 porgies. We fished both the point and south side. Besides capturing the action on tape, some of which will be shown on Channel 55, 7:30 on Friday night, I did manage to put fifty porgies into my cooler. A fun family trip, highly recommended.

Recent trips on the charter boat **Pronto**, with Captain Mike Bentevegna Jr. include Ralph Argenti and a large blue shark with Jan Weinberg and his friends of Bellmore. This past weekend, Mike Smith and his friends enjoyed a fabulous overnighter. Action included an 89 pound mako and a 75 pound bluefin tuna boated. Three other sharks were tagged and released.

Captain Jay Rigano, fishing Friday with Dr. Rosenfield tried in vain for tuna, but connected with a mess of codfish, pollock and bluefish on the way back from the tuna grounds. On Saturday, fishing past the fourty fathom line, the **Lori Jay** boated eight albacore and four yellowfin tuna, all in the thirty to thirty-five pound range.

Captain Donnie Bradick won the **Montauk Marine Basin**'s giant tuna tournament, worth $2,000 with a tuna of 470 pounds. John Alfonzetti of Pleasantville was on the rod aboard the **Fish On**.

Recent catches on the charter boat **King Wayne** include a mess of fluke, with many over five pounds and in the MCA shark tournament held recently, blue sharks ranging to 228 pounds in weight.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** returned with a 404 pound mako that fought for two hours and wore out six men, Lenny Savino, John "Ra" Cannilla, William Korzloski, Jim "Bones" Sheridan, Chris Riordan and Roger DeBonis, all of whom went round robin twice on the big fish. Trips during the week included Monday's trip with Mike Holmes during which three giants were lost. Tuesday's 170 pound bluefin with John McGloin of Midway Tavern, New Jersey and blue sharks on Wednesday.

Captain John DeMaio has been catching a few weaks at Block Island along with some fluke on local fishing grounds, on the charter boat **Vivienne**. Sincel school tuna action is picking up daily, Captain John is now scheduling all day tuna charters, see ad for charter information, call for Reservations.

Captain Jim Flowers, of the charter boat **Mary A** brought in the largest blue shark so far weighed in the **Montauk Marine Basin**. It weighed 321 pounds, was caught by Don May and his party. On Tuesday, the Kuntz's returned with a bluefin of 260 pounds, plus an eighty-five pound yellowfin. A giant tuna of 535 pounds took mackerel trolled southeast of the point on Wednesday (twenty miles offshore). The fish took Tom McDermott fifty-five minutes to land. Saturday's party, the Tracy's, tried trolling unsuccessfully, but did connect with three yellowfins ranging from sixty-five to 105 pounds chumming and chunking at the Butterfish Hole.

Henry Uihlein reported good fluke action on boats from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** over the weekend, with most fish just at sixteen inches. Best action seemed to be at Culloden Point, with Shagwong and Gin Beach picky. Plenty of porgies are around, all you want, according to Henry, with good catches made both off Montauk Point and at Gardiner's Island.

Virginia Forsberg reported on the fishing efforts of the **Viking Fleet** the past week. Captain Steven Forsberg enjoyed pretty good codfish action on the weekend trips to Cox Ledge with five or six hangers per trip. Total catch for Thursday, Friday and Saturday amounted to five hundred cod, top weight fourty pounds, although the average is twelve to eighteen pounds. John Robissa was high hook on Friday with twenty-seven cod. Bluefish are unbelieveable, day and night, with fish to

twelve to sixteen pounds in weight. Fluking is good, with a better percentage of keepers. Marianne and Don Houston, fishing both half day trips on Sunday ended up with fourteen keepers, and won the pool in the morning.

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Allyssa Ann** fluked on Saturday with Anthony Benara of Massapequa, finding good action on the morning tide at North Rips and Midway, with a slowdown in the afternoon. About three dozen keepers to three pounds were put in the fish box. On Sunday's charter a giant tuna trip with Dominick and the boys from the Daily News, they trolled mackerel daisy chains for giants. A few knock downs occurred, but none were caught. Captain Ricca reports plenty of tuna in the hundred to two-hundred and fifty pound range, caught trolling, with a few now taking chunked baits at the Butterfish Hole.

Captain Jeff of the charter boat **Florence B** reported great fluking on Thursday, fishing at Shagwong and the North Rips with flood tide best. Music Department Heads from the William Floyd School District, Frank Turso and Dick Horton with his son caught fourty fluke, top weight five pounds. Bluefish moved into the area, taking fluke baits and in many cases, also the rigs. Captain Jeff spoke of hot action, with all three rods bent either with fluke or bluefish at all times.

Tom Jordon, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina** reported plenty of fluke at Shagwong and Washington Shoals. Piles of porgies moved into Great Eastern, the Elbow and on the south side, providing heavy action. Offshore, tuna were a bit finicky over the weekend. Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat, **Caprice**, fishing with Val and Andy Kogler fished Great Eastern on Friday. Total catch was four bushels of humpback porgies to two and a half pounds in weight.

Edelman's Lou Rosado fished for porgies the entire weekend. On Friday, Captain Ron Grandinetti, usually on his boat, **Julie III**, joined Lou on the "Sea Whimp" for a good catch at Great Eastern. On Saturday Earl Jones and his friends Vito, Chino, and Bill counted 170 porgies, the largest four pounds. Most of the fish were large or jumbos, with a steady pick on both tides. On Sunday, with Joe and Nicky, Lou's birthday was celebrated at Great Eastern, where 120 porgies were caught before the group called it a day by noon.

Captain Howard fished in the recent MCA tournament on the **Reel Magic** with Joe Nesto. Saturday's 254 pound blue shark placed seventh in the tournament. The second day's 114 mako did not place, but made fine steaks. Last Thursday, Bobby Vanderhoef, on his second shark charter on the **Reel Magic** had the pleasure of hooking up with an estimated 400 pound mako, which jumped six times before spitting the hook. He did, however catch and release a 200 pound blue shark and a small brown.

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Larry Oehler, of Oakdale, found Smokey's fluke rigs preferred over the others they tried at the North Rips. On Saturday thirty-five fluke, top weight eight pounds were put aboard the "Unexpected", while on Sunday, although more were caught, the fish were smaller in size.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach, of the **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric II**, reported excellent porgy fishing on Thursday. Hazel and her son teamed for 125 porgies, while most anglers had fourty to sixty per person. On Friday, Captain Lach stated that it was an "absolute annihiliation!". Twenty-six anglers caught well over two thousand porgies in constant action, with doubles and triples coming over the rail. Most anglers put away eighty or more porgies, with Mr. Washington of Jamaica, Queens high hook with 160 fish. All fish were caught off Gardiner's Island. The fish were all mediums, from three quarters to one pound. Action slowed a bit on the weekend, probably due to the full moon. Very large fluke, some over five pounds were also attacking porgy baits. On the fluke scene, Captain Bellows has been fishing both Gardiner's and Gull Island and some deep water spots. Wednesday's trip had approximately one-hundred keepers for twenty-two anglers.

Bill Hichak, fishing with his brother in law, Glenn and two friends, returned to **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** with a bucket full of fluke, largest five and a quarter pounds, drifting Shinnecock's East Channel on Sunday. On the weekend, offshore action was centered on marlin and tuna which seemed to have lockjaw. However J.J. Corr landed a small mako while fishing with his mother, Sherry, and with

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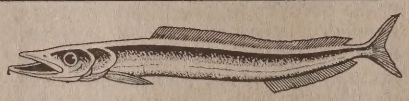

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Pete Santo. The group fished in 158 feet of water, 165 degrees out of Shinnecock, on the newly acquired "Galloping Ghost".

Captain Don Van DeWater reported a large blue shark for Bob Hartcorn Plumbing last week, on the **Dutch Treat** and also saw plenty of life (tuna, marlin) in the ocean. A fluke trip with Gary Mospin on Sunday saw an upswing in fluke catches at Shinnecock inlet, although most are small and must be measured. Thirty fluke were keepers (just over fifteen inches), while sixty were returned to grow up. Captain Don related that the Canyon is alive, since many bigeye, yellowfin tuna and mako shark were brought into local marinas during the week, along with some blue marlin.

Captain Fred, of the charter boat **Sea Mist**, reported a live ocean last Friday, with dozens of marlin and hammerhead shark sighted, but almost impossible to catch by the offshore fleet. Schools of football tuna were noted, south, southwest o Shinnecock. Joe Cutuli and his party did hook up with a dusky, estimatec at 130 pounds, and a blue shark, bott released. Captain Fred commented or heavy bluefish action at the inlet, witt "Wall to wall" boats connecting witt trolled tubes.

Dick Mendelman at **Harbor Marine** located in **Three Mile Harbor**, hearc of a slowdown in fluke action in the rips at the ruins, however, as usual, experienced anglers did return with a few fluke. It was felt that morning fog hampered fishing adventures. Most local boats remained in the harbor for Saturday nights impressive Grucci fireworks commissioned by Tony Duke for underpriveliged children of Boy's Harbor, according to Dick.

George Pharaoh saw a nice catch of fluke made by Tom Frank whose largest was four pounds, and Fred Mayer with a four pound thirteen ounce fish from rip at the ruins on Saturday. A rental skiff from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** returned on Sunday with sixty porgies and a five pound blackfish. William McDonald used clams, fished at Cedar Point for this catch. Plenty of blues are entrenched at Jessups Neck and also at the west end of South Ferry, and to the delight of youngsters, snappers are finally in. Try Long Wharf Pier and all local docks.

Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** heard of plenty of fluke action in both the east and west channel at Shinnecock Inlet, although there are many shorts to return. Offshore, marlin have been spotted and caught as close as 120 feet of water. On the weekend, Phil Gay with Marc Boruck first tried 180 feet of water on the "Blue Runner". A 125 pound mako was successfully boated. Trolling closer to shore in 120 feet, a white marlin hit a green and yellow soft head lure. The fish weighed fifty pounds. Lots of life is reported offshore, tuna, marlin. Canyon activity includes bigeye, yellowfin and blue marlin, and huge mako's. Tred Barta returned from a Canyon trip Saturday night with a mako that weighed 892 pounds at Indian Cove Marina. The fish reportedly was caught at the Fishtails, and hooked up at midnight Friday, taking three hours and fourty-five minutes to land. Three gaffs were required.

Thom also reported plenty of fluke at Gardiner's, although a high percentage are shorts. Porgies are red hot at Eastern Plains Point, with blackfish under the tower. The Peconics hold lots of bluefish. Some hot spots include Jessups Neck, Towd Point, and Cow Neck.

Sunday, Joe, Dee and Pete returned to **Best Boatworks** with fourteen fluke ranging from fourteen to sixteen inches in size. The trio fished the east channel on the "Haleakala" and reported releasing over one-hundred shorts.

Marilyn and Captain Marvin of the charter boat **M&M** fishing from Shinnecock, tried at fourty-one

fathoms with the Weidman charter. Fantastic action was encountered with many fish hooked and boated. Final tally was a bigeye tuna of 141 pounds, plus yellowfin of one-hundred pounds which hit trolled mackerel daisy chains. A thirty pound albacore took a skirted ballyhoo, while a white marlin struck a plain ballyhoo, but was dropped. Several very small (ten pound) yellowfin were trolled, but released. The **M&M's** has a few dates remaining for either all day or canyon overnight charters. Call for information. Marilyn saw a blue marlin, which weighed 485 pounds, at the marina that was caught in only 130 feet of water on a twenty-three foot boat, "Terry D". The anglers reportedly had just hooked up with a brown shark, were reeling in the other lines when the blue marlin hit a mackerel bait. That's being in the right place at the right time!

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Colofaro

Fluke fishing remained in fine form for the sinker bouncing set while offshore fishing provided some fine tuna action. A number of marlin were also taken this past week on the offshore grounds. Football tuna moved to within 100 feet of water SE of F.I. Inlet with both bluefins and yellowfins up to 60 pounds reported.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

According to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, fluke fishing held up well this week with lots of shorts but a good number of keepers as well. Catches range from 10 to 30 fish per boat with Harts Cove, Buoys 36-41 and the Elbow all producing action. Spearing or sandeel and squid combos as well as bucktails have been accounting for the best scores. There are still flounder at buoys 29 and 36 with some good catches made early last week. Most anglers however have shifted their attention to fluke. Crabbing is excellent right near the station at Tuthil's Cove.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Alma Fleet** said that flounder are still around from buoy 29 to the Inlet but that action appears to be diminishing. Fluking is on the upswing with some of the best scores being made in the vicinity of the West Cut. On Saturday, Joe Frazier topped off a catch of several fluke and a dozen flounder with a 4½ pound fluke. Due to the fluke derby scheduled for this coming weekend, the charter boat Alma will be sailing full day open for those registered in the fluke derby. The Alma III will sail its regular ½ day fluke trips on Sunday.

The **Moriches** based charter boat **Blue Jay** returned with a 404 pound tiger shark taken by Martin Kolodey. It was taken in 120' of water along with a 50 pound mako. Capt. Russ reported lots of life including many whales, sharks and also reported sighting a swordfish.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From Dennis at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** we learn that the Patchogue Fishing Club's Annual Fluke Derby was settled by Bill Rockwell's 3.4 pounder. George Dietz finished up in the second spot with a 2.14 pounder while Tom Ganetis nailed a 2¾ pounder. Jack Johnson checked in with a fluke just a shade under 4 pounds over the weekend. Bluefish are outside Moriches Inlet for trollers while your best bet for Fire Island boatmen continues to be in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds where jiggers, trollers and chummers continue to do a good job on the fish. Small blues reappeared in Fire Island Inlet on Thursday and were available through much of the weekend early mornings and evenings. From the docks, lots of small snappers and lots of crabs as well with an occasional fluke mixing in. And for the week's best "can you top this" story, 6-year-old Anastasia Weser was trying to entice a snapper from the Blue Point Dock on Friday. Instead, an estimated 45 pound striper inhaled the tiny bait. The youngster landed the fish (with help). It was released unharmed.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban reported lots of fluke being taken along the stretch between the Lighthouse and the Coast Guard Station. On Sunday, Frank Maro and his family returned with 34 keepers to three pounds from

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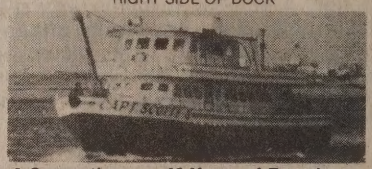

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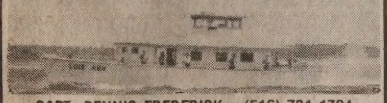

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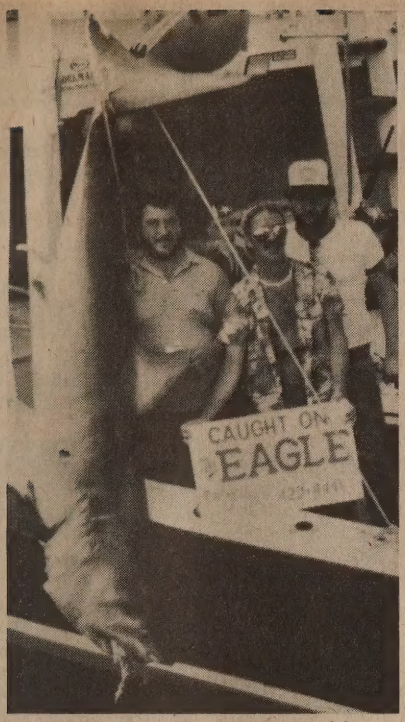
this area. Good reports also coming in from both East and West Islands. On Tuesday, Amy Lee Murdock put a 7¾ pound blackfish aboard the 'Our Dream' while fluking. Some good canyon action during the week and shark action holding up well. The better tuna fishing on the weekend appeared to be inshore in 120-130' of water where good numbers of bluefin and yellowfin from 20 to 40 pounds were taken by trollers SE of the inlet. A lot of blue claw crabs in the creeks from Sayville to Great River. Still some flounder at the Sore Thumb and sea bass being picked at Buoy 13—Ocan Beach Small weaks up to 4 pounds at Buoy 17 in Range Channel on squid or nightcrawlers in the early AM.

Jim Romano of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** spoke of good fluke all week from Kismet to Ocean Beach and also just outside of the inlet. On Wednesday, the Grady family returned with 18 keepers from the Lighthouse area. They used sandeels on the last of the incoming tide. On Thursday, lots of 2 pound blues were taken by boatmen casting small jigs near Democrat Point. Larger fish being jigged and trolled in 70' of water south of Cherry Grove. On Saturday, Ken Payne landed an 81 pound mako which was good for first place in the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club's weekend tournament. It was taken aboard John Cavanaugh's 'FJR and Me II". They also nailed down 2nd place with a 36 pound yellowfin tuna for that division. Fishing was done in 220' of water 135 degrees from Fire Island.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller spoke of good fluking on the flood tide from the Lighthouse to the Coast Guard Station. A few porgies, sea bass and blowfish still available at West Island for sinker bouncers looking for a mixed bag. Bluefishing remains solid in 60 to 65 feet of water south of the light and east to Patchogue. They can be jigged or trolled. Football tuna in 100 feet of water SE of the inlet late last week and on the weekend and many white marlin again reported



This 400+ pound great white was taken in June aboard the Captree charter boat, "Eagle."

sighted south of Moriches Inlet. Canyon fishing was good during the week but faded somewhat over the weekend. On Friday, Pete Martin had an encounter with a big blue marlin near the tower aboard his 'Harry E'. The big fish was dropped after a half hour battle. There was good tuna action on the west wall of the Canyon Friday night for chummers. Another customer combined chumming at night with trolling and put away 9 bigeyes to 125 pounds, 2 yellowfin, 2 longfins and 1 mako. On the docks, snappers are small but catchable and crabbing remains good.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** reported excellent fluking with one out of four or five about average for the keeper ratio. On Friday, Sam Ottianno kept 9 of 38 fluke. The same day, Andrew Domino totaled 34 fluke. Neil has been working primarily from the Lighthouse to West Island with the last of the flood and the first of the Ebb producing best. The skipper was also encouraged by the fact that many of the shorts being returned are borderline and will be ripe for catching before the summer is out.

Capt. Roy Mazziotta of the **Captree** charter boat **Blue Albatross** described the fluke action on incoming tide as super most days. Saturday's fishing was excellent and even saw a 10.7 pound weakfish top off a catch. Sunday's fishing was off somewhat but still rated a very good. Roy added that while weekends are well booked, he does have some weekday dates available if you are looking to get in on this action.

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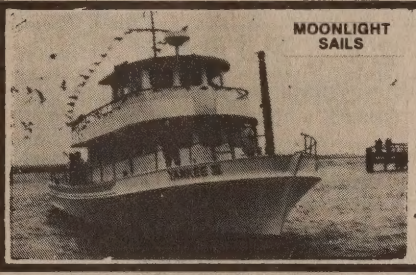

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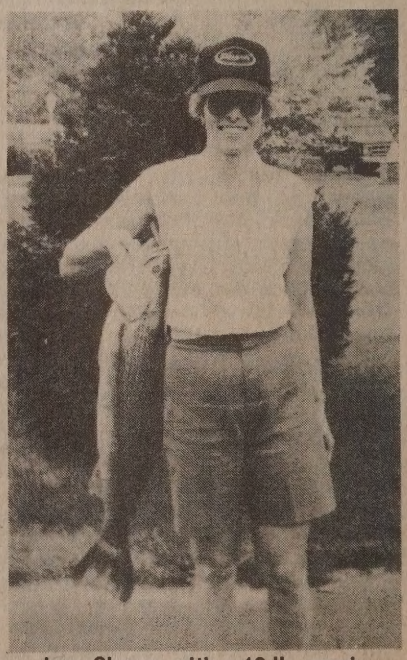
Bobby Sprenger over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported another good week of fluking for boatmen. Bluefishing has been generally excellent, particularly at night with a large body of fish settled in 70' of water SE of F.I. Inlet.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the **Captree** open boat **Miss Captree** said that fluking remained excellent this week with a wide spread of fish—from the inlet back to East Channel. The Lighthouse and South Beach area seemed to be the best with a better keeper ratio here. Keeper ratio varies from 3 shorts to 1—to 10:1. On Saturday's trips, Mike DiGirolamo had 17 keepers, Bruce Tomaselli had 11 keepers on Sunday's late trip, George Forgione fished both Saturday and Sunday and finished up with 30 keepers. Local bluefishing heated up again on Thursday evening. It continued through the weekend with good numbers of 1-3 pound blues taken on jigs in the inlet. An occasional weakfish being taken as well. Night captain, John Higgins, watched a huge weakfish follow a hooked blue to the boat on Friday night's trip.

Aboard the **Capt. Scotty 3**, Capt. George Tweedy said that fluking con-



Joan Shaver with a 10 lb. weakfish taken in Great South Bay during the "spring run." A bucktail/jellyworm combo turned the trick. Subscriber photo.

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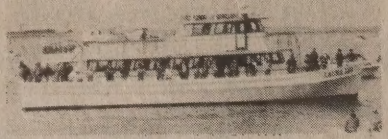

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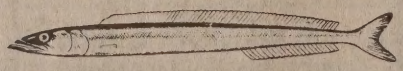

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tinues to produce lots of throwbacks but enough keepers to make for good fishing. He too was encouraged by a load of fish in the 13" size range which will be catchable before the summer is out. Bluefishing has been consistantly good at night with most fish in the 6-8 pound class and pool fish to 15 pounds. George worked the Patchogue grounds early in the week and then the Cholera banks later in the week.

Good fluking this week in terms of numbers and size according to Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. The last half of the flood tide remains the best bet. One regular on Friday put away 25 keepers working at the Wreck Buoy and at the Inlet. The Queen of Sheba had 12 keepers over the weekend. There has been renewed weakfish action from Ocean Beach down to the Inlet with South Beach being particularly productive. Fish range from 8 to 11 pounds and are located with a recorder. Where possible, fish live bunker. Mike Brennan had 5 tiderunners during the week at Ocean Beach and the Coast Guard Station. Offshore fishing was hot during the week and particularly near the tip of the Canyon down to the 150 line. Fishing slowed on the weekend however. On Wednesday, Dick Orlandi aboard his 3 Sons put away 7 bigeyes to 150 pounds and a 75 pound yellowfin. He put his nephew Eddie into his first bigeye on the trip. Lots of school tuna from 30 to 50 pounds in 110' of water—to 150' of water SE of the inlet. Capt. Al Kaich found all the blues he wanted on Thursday fishing in 70' of water south of the Whistle Buoy. He trolled a bunch of 8 to 10 pounders.

Capt. Freddy Mueller of the B.C.A. charter boat 'Ida Jean' clicked with a 150 pound bigeye while sharking on the weekend. Another B.C.A. boat, the 'Cindy Ann' had a pair of 40 pound bluefins and 2 dusky shark to 220 pounds in 150' of water on the weekend. During the week, Bill Rauft had an 800 pound mako nail a trolled lure at the Canyon aboard his 'Deeper'.

Over at **Babylon Fishing Station**, George Stevenson reported that Howie Lennon making his first overnighter of the season aboard his new 42' Post 'Rock-Away' returned on Sunday with a 220 pound swordfish. Jerry Mirabella, fishing aboard Tom Hudson's 'Marlin' landed his first tuna on the weekend. It was a 75 pound yellowfin taken in the Compass Rose area. A mako was also dropped at the boat. A lot of fluke with an average ratio of shorts to keepers of 6:1 this week. The number of shorts has been varying. Lots of small snappers around but worthwhile fishing due to their small size is probably still two weeks away. Some crabs being taken locally.

Capt. Bob Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported good fluking from the Bridge to the Lighthouse on the last of the flood and the first of the Ebb. Four to six

keepers per man on the average with lots of action provided by numerous shorts. On Friday, Bob took advantage of a flat ocean to treat his fares to some fine sea bass and porgie action on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Joe Lang had a pail of sea bass topped off by a 4 pounder.

Over at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, Jimmy Schaefer reported a 52 pound white marlin for Al Hogg and his crew aboard 'Fantasia'. Same day and general area, his buddy Steve Gornoro, aboard his 'A 1 A', put away a 72 pound white marlin. Both were taken on whole bunker while sharking. Fluking remained very good this week with an increasing number of big fish finding their way into catches. Mark Spero had a 5.10 pounder on squid and smelt near the Coast Guard Station during the week. Christina Garraffa had a 5.6 pounder in West Channel on spearing and squid. Tony Competello used a sandeel to take a 6.2 pound fluke near the Coast Guard Station. Best fluking appears to be near the C.G. Station to the Inlet on the flood tide with some skippers reporting one out of three fish a keeper. Flounder are still available at the Sore Thumb and plenty of bluefish settled on the Patchogue Grounds for jiggers, trollers and chummers. Good school tuna along with some false albacore in 110' of water SE of the inlet and sharking holding up well. Plenty of small snappers and some nice crabs being taken at the local docks. Jimmy asked that we remind customers that "the new Charlie's is now located 4 blocks east of the old store on the north side of Montauk Highway."

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported that Ralph Angelillo of the store worked the Bell Buoy area to the tune of 4 false albacore and 2 bonito on Wednesday. He finished up the day by taking 80 small blues casting small jigs in the vicinity of Democrat Point. Inside the bay, some very good crabbing on the flats bordering the State Channel and some nice weakfish being taken along south beach on the flood. Sandworms, jellyworms and live bait are accounting for these fish. Fluke fishing is much better with more keepers around this week. From the Tanner Park dock, some kingfish up to a foot in length and lots of snappers including some worth keeping.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported a 200 pound hammerhead shark and a 120 pound dusky for the crew aboard Ed Unkel's 'Tin Man Too' on Thursday. Don Purkess aboard his 'Nekihoki' had a 300 pound mako and a 100 pound brown working the same area south of the Virginia. Fluking has been fantastic through most of the week on the last half of the flood and the first half of the ebb producing the best action. Sandeel and squid combos doing the job here. The 'Reel Affair' finished up on both Thursday and Friday with over 3 dozen keepers each day. Largest was a 4 pounder. Most of

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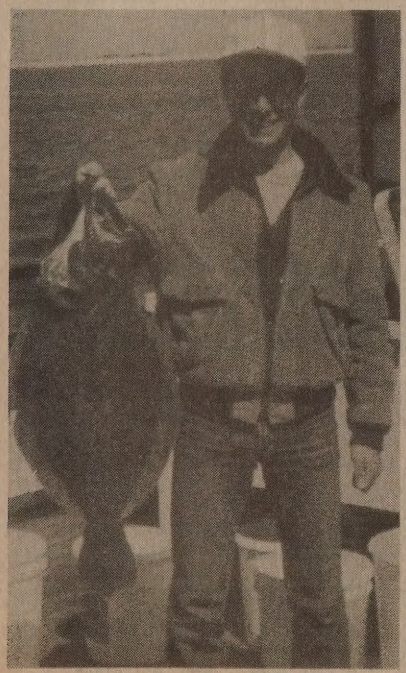
From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported good fluking at the inlet in recent days. One store regular stopped by with a 5 pound fluke he took near the Sore Thumb. Blues from 5 to 10 pounds in 75' of water SE of the inlet. They are being trolled, jigged and chummed. Working just south of the San Diego, a 40 pound yellowfin was taken aboard 'J C Hooker'. Winners in the State Channel Marine Shark Tourney included Herb Zeller and crew with a 293 pound mako aboard 'Lucky Lucy'. Dave Campo had a 212 pound tiger for second spot while Lois Liberman nailed down third spot with a 200 pound hammerhead.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

A combination of good weather and good to super excellent fishing this week brought lots of very solid catches to anglers fishing inside and



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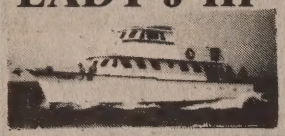

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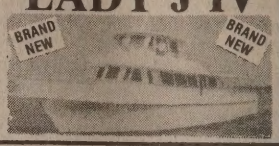

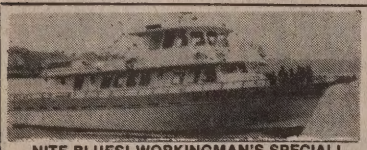

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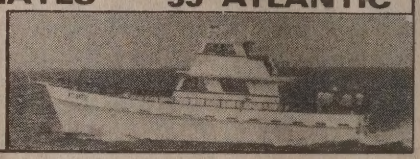

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also in the ocean. A huge mako was taken at the Hudson Canyon, fluke and flounder continue to furnish plenty of action and fillets, weakfish can be had if the effort is made, while in the bay there's a combination of blue claws, sand porgies and snappers. There's quite a bit of everything around.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

A call from Capt. Sig Signorelli of the Seaford charter boat **3 Sea-Sons** informs us that the bluefin and yellowfin tuna fishing is in full swing with fish being taken on every trip in the 40 to 150 lb. class, with hot action a short distance out of Jones Inlet. Sig says that he still has some choice dates for shark, tuna and marlin, for those interested. See ad for details.

We hear from **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** that the best fluke results this week have been from Squaw Island. Don Geraci had 20 keeper fluke there Saturday AM culled out of lots of throwbacks. Three members of the Belcastro group ended up with 15 keepers working Massapequa Cove. Blue claws have picked up a bit again in the local canals and off local bulkheads and docks. Bay blues have been sporadic.

At **Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle**, Lon called it a good solid week of fishing. Customers fluking had very good catches to talk about, all things considered with lots of big fluke in the 5 to 7 lb. range, best action in Haunts, Sloop Channel, Goose Creek and Black Banks. Of course, lots of throwbacks, too. Lon says he heard of a 10 lber. that was weighed in, but that hearing isn't fully believing. Sand porgies have started in Massapqeua Cove and snappers while small are very plentiful. Some weakfish at the bridges on sand worms fished on 3 foot leaders. Loads of bluefish outside. Blue claws being picked in Massapequa Cove and in the canals. The deep water at the bridges is producing continuing decent flounder catches on worms.

From **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** Comes word that Rich Churchill and Pat D'Andrea had fluke to 4¾ lbs. in the 2nd Wantagh area. Joel Crosby and Dave Botsch gathered up 10 keeper fluke fishing around the Jones Beach piers. Needless to say, numerous midgets were returned. Joe says the fluke keeper ratio has been around 30 percent. On the flounder side, Steve Goldsen, Barry Wolder' and Joe DeMilte had 17 nice flounder along with 9 keeper fluke working the length of Haunts Creek.

At **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh Mike advises that the fluking picked up this week with boats getting anywhere from 5 to 25 keepers per, with lots of shorts but more bigger fish in the 3 to 4 lb. range each day. Hot areas have been the east side of

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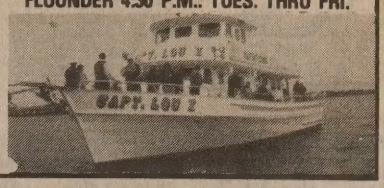

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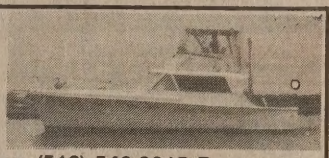

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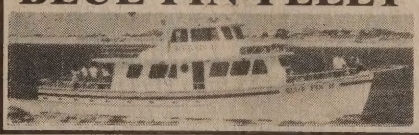

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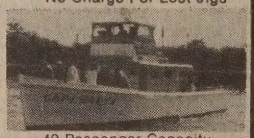

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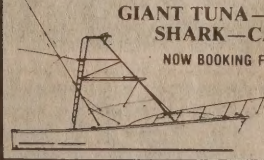

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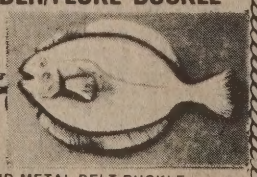

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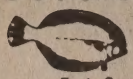

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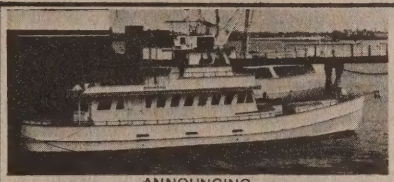

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Jones, Big M area, Long Creek and Reynolds on smelts. On Wednesday Hank of the Freeport Tuna Club had 20 keepers out of 30 fluke caught up to 4 lbs. in the inlet on the first of the flood using smelts. A customer named Mike bagged an 8½ lb. fluke fishing live snapper in the state channel. On Friday Art hoisted a 4 lb. 4 oz. fluke, while on Saturday Ellie and husband of North Bellmore had 6 keepers to 3 ½ lbs. on smelt. Also on Saturday Walter and pal had 21 keepers to 4 lbs. fishing between Black banks and Zachs Bay using smelts on a rising tide. Floundering has been fair at the big M wiht 20 to 30 flatteis being a good days catch, fish to 2 lbs. on bloods and lots of chum. Snappers on the upwswing. On Sunday, Maryann Thomotoulos surprised everyone with 2 lb. 12 oz. triggerfish taken on a spearing off Wantagh Park. Flounder off the Jones Beach pier have been good on bloods on incoming. On Saturday Mike weighed in a 43 lb. mako for Glen and Bob Dowd caught in the Yankee Wreck area. Sea bass at Cholera to 3 lbs. on drifted squid.

Moving over to the Freeport action, a call from JR at **Sea Isle Sports** brings word of a huge mako, this one weighing in at 848 lbs. caught on Bill Rauft's boat Deeper. Bill is with Dytek, manufacturer of the famous sea water temp gauges. The fish was taken using a Sea Isle custom rod said JR and the fish fell to a fresh trolled squid at Hudson Canyon.

We learned from Capt. Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus III** that during this past week, the boat had its 14th and 15th makos of the season. The weekend's tuna moved inshore of the Virginia and good catches were had. Mike charters got up to 19 tuna per day from 30 to 65 lbs., bluefin and yellowfin.

Aboard the **Starstream II** this week, Skipper Richie Kessinger told of absolutely super bluefishing day ans nights under 1½ hours from the dock. Fish are running 2 to 15 lbs. with the largest fish feeding under the stars. Fish are being jigged days and baited at night. Jigged fish are running 2 to 4 lbs. and the baited fish 6 to 9 lbs. average. As many as you can pull, said the skipper, saying this is one of the best bluefish seasons for consistencies he can remember. Occasion stray bonito are mixed into the catch.

Both of the Captain Lou Fleet boats are fluking every day now. Good action says the skipper with loads of throwbacks but also a good number of large keepers to 5 lbs. all in local waters. The 4:30 PM flounder trips have been catching very well with high hooks in the 30s. We also got first word from Skipper Mike Dannon that he is in the process of having a brand new 75 foot all aluminum super cruiser built which will be replacing the **Capt. Lou III**. ETA is at the end of '86. She should be a beauty! Mike also said Tuesday night at 8PM, July 29th, there will be an open barbeque at the Poop Deck Dock where he will be announcing the winners of the boat's flounder derby and awarding prizes. Everyone is invited.

A call from the charter boats **Lady J III** and **IV** tells of very good results on blues 2 to 3 lbs. on jigs SW of Jones, 1 to 1½ hrs. steaming time for J.P. Stevens, Forest Park Inn, Unicorn Fishin Club and Columbia Mechanical Corp. The fluke charters for the week fished Jones Inlet and the back taking a fair number of keepers and returning lots of babies on squid and spearing. Sailing the fluke trips were: Your Place-My Place Pub, 1st Manhattan Abstract Corp., Fred Smith Plumbing and Heating, Solar Intl. Shipping Agency, Camp Tanglewood,

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Floundering is still the name of the game aboard the **Capt. Andy II** which while not dynamite, was still solid according to the skipper. This is right now the only boat sailing two flounder trips a day. Fish are mixed with a few very big flatties. The Friday and Saturday night bluefish trips have been very good, he said, working the Cholera and Sisters areas with fish 3 to 12 lbs.

Freeport Boatmens Association passed on the word that the **Super Spray II** is getting their share of big keeper fluke everyday along with the requisite number of throwbacks and is loading up on night blues. The Association's charter boats have had very good catches on fluke, blues and yellowfin and bluefin tuna.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told an improving fluke keeper ratio with Art Weinstein of Sealand Lines bagging a 4½ lber. and 6 other keepers out of 24 fish caught. Blues are super, said the skipper. Joe Schindler had over 60, Sue Magno 47, Jack Mobolia over 40. Frank Ferraus of Blue Island Social Club had himself a 12 lber. while Steve Galanzo hoisted a 9 lber. and Lou Appel of Nyack a 7 lber. Rev. Mike of Calvary Baptist Church had 19 choppers and Bob Ross 21. Rich Silver and Jack Conway totaled over 100 blues.

We learn from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** of Saturday's jigging venture for blues for the Ron Gray group of NYC working south of Ambrose Tower with loads of blues in th 3 lb. class. Sunday's trip was also blues for the Long Beach Aux. Police. They fished 12 to 15 miles south of Long Beach and had fish averaging 8 lbers. all you wanted.

Over in Point Lookout the **capt. Al** says the day and night bluefishing just can't get any better than it is. Action is local and all the fish you could possibly pull are right there to be caught. Sunday's action was just 45 minutes from the dock in the NB area and the fish there were larger, in the 4 to 15 lb. range, averaging 6 to 8 lbs. The pool went to Reuben Lubritz of Flushing, who had a 15 lber. and 58 other blues, totaling 4 burlap sacks full. Ellen Zenner and Sal Azzaro of Long Beach had 50 fish while Larry Gregeriou of Astoria had 35. Joanna and Paul Simon, Douglaston had 45 blues. Lots of fish and lots of gaffers. Excellent all week, days and nights said Al. Saturday night fares had over 500 blues with a lot 8 to 12 lbs.

Word from the **Miss Point Lookout II** is of the red hot night bluefishing with fares filling anywhere from 2 to 4 burlap bags a man. On Saturday night the boat had over 1000 blues, 4 to 12 lbers. Four members of the Kramer family had over 200 Friday night iwth action just a short distance out of Jones. The day fishing has seen some catches of nice size keeper fluke of course, with plenty of midgets. Pools are being settled by 3 to 4 lbers. On Friday's AM trip, Sid Cohen had 8 keepers. Eric Olsen had 16 keepers in two trips. Sunday AM Bob Niemccyk bagged a 4½ lb. pool winner and in the PM Scosh Broschant took the pool. Rob and Libby had 9 keepers.

According to Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** his charters had

great bluefishing Tuesday through Friday from 17 fathoms to Seabright with catches averaging 20 to 50 fish per man, depending on the effort expended. Fish ran 2 to 5 lbs. with 7 lbers. taking the pools. Friday night's trip SW of the Sisters had 23 fares taking over 500 blues running 5 to 14 lbs. on bait, all you wanted. Saturday and Sunday were fluke trips in the bay with roughly 400 total fish taken each day with a 10 percent keeper ratio. Outgoing was best.

We hear from Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** of a 2 lb. 6 oz. and 3 lb. 8 oz. fluke taken at buoy 6, Jones Inlet on incoming on live killies by Bob Raia of High and Dry Fishing Club. Most of the rental skiffs had good numbers of keepers in the 2 to 3 lb. range and they all three back tons of midgets. Fat flounder to 1¾ lbs. taken on blood worms in Swift Creek and Middle Bay at the top of the tide. Plenty of blues to 13 lbs. being baited and jigged at Cholera with smaller blues being umbrellaed along the beaches in 15 to 20 feet of water.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of good fluke catches on the weekend in Reynolds and Indian Inlet with loads of action and plenty of midgets but everything is getting bigger and fatter now. Flounder catches have been good in the Big M area. Snappers have been sporadic, but are getting bigger. Mitchell Sisun of Oceanside had a 15 lb. blue and a pile more at Cholera. A 4 lb. fluke rewarded the efforts of Terry Kramer of Levittown fishing Reynolds on killie squid combos. Frank Fontano of New Hyde Park hoisted a 3 lb. fluke on live killies in Reynolds drifting between poles 17 and 19 while David Dweck of the East Bay Anglers had a 5 lb. 4 oz. fluke on spearing off the Jersey Highlands.

Richie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook repeated the same fluke story of plenty of action with a decent number of big keepers just about all over the place. He though the flounder catches dwindled a bit from last week but they were still obliging. Weaks and blues mixed in together 3 to 4 miles off the Jones Beach tower. Lots of small blues blitzing Jones Inlet in the evenings being taken on tins.

Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** called the fluking good this past week with a rising keeper ratio at buoys 3, 9 and Duck Point. It was a 7 lb. 4 oz. fluke for John Savarese that fell to a live bergall at buoy 9. Squid-killie combos are actually catching best when combined with bunker chum, anchored up. Stripers and blues at the ABB on bucktails and bunker. Snappers starting off the piers along with blue claws.

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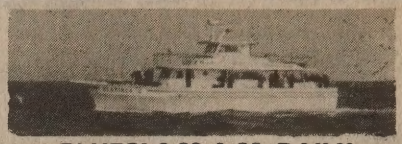

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lots of fluke off the North Channel bridge with a good number of keepers. Artie says there over a 50 percent keeper ratio. Best bait has been killies followed by spearing and squid. Bay blues being taken days off the bridges on small tins and chunks, and decent larger blues at night on chunks. Lots of small snappers on spearing. Decent blue claws off both north and south channel bridge pilings. Fred Kenny weighed in a 3½ lb fluke, on a sand eel combo off the north channel bridge.

Jack at **Fishing Unlimited Bait and Tackle,** located at Cross Bay Marine in Howard Beach, tells of lots of fluke action from north channel bridge to the Marine Parkway bridge with a 50 percent keeper ratio. Regular customer Stan averaged 20 keepers a day this past week fishing 6 days. Rickie Yahn bagged a 14 lb. 6 oz. weak on a chunk fishing around the Marine Pkwy Bridge. The crew of the Emily S hoisted a 160 lb. hammerhead shark fishing 30 miles SW of the inlet. Sand porgies and snappers at local bridges.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Capt. Fred of the charter boat **Avatar** called to say that while fishing during the week with Tony the Fish and Panty Perry they had 1½ hrs. of as frantic sea bassing to 2 lbs. as you could imagine. This was while drifting fluke at Seabright, with the bass gobbling any bait you put down. Fred told of a few weaks in local waters on live bunker fish 10 plus lbs. along with big blues at night off the college and Norton's Point, blues 12 to 15 lbs.

Skipper Al Coley on the **Betty W. IV** said the bluefishing has been asbolutely days and nights. They were all big fish Sunday, all you wanted, 4 to 11 lbers. Loads of blues are also being bailed at night and these are generally larger fish. Couldn't be better, he says. Al says he still has a few open reservations for his October Tuna trips. See ad for details.

Captain Joe Huck of the **Helen H** tells of the most fantastic day and night fishing you can picture with fish up to 10 lbs. and non-stop action.

A call from the charter boat **Daybreaker** tells of good catches of weaks during the week around the Shoal buoy on jigs and bait tails. Stripers at the shoal buoy also and at the jetty on jigs or live bunker. Jumbo blues on bait and chum at 17 fathoms.

Neil at **Stella Maris** tells of plenty of day and night blues at Seabright, 17 Fathoms, Rockaway, Norton's Point and a lot of other places. Good fluking off the Coney Island flats and Seabright with bigger keepers now and about a 1-3 keeper ratio. Neil also says lots of weakfish being caught at Great Kills and the jetty and the Tin Can Grounds in the early am and late afternoons on chunk and baittails with the weakies going 12 to 14 lbs. Also sand porgies and snappers in the bay.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

Fine summer weather through most of the weekend gave everybody a shot at the fishing and kept the tackle shops busy all week. It was wall-to-wall bluefish in most areas with a scattering of fluke as well. All zones had their hotspots for summer porgy angling and the east end scup boats were overjoyed at the prospects of a super season.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** figured that you couldn't really pick one spot for blues from New Rochelle back to City Island. The K Buoy had been quite good for chunking with bunker or mackerel, and one of the best tips was to use enough lead to keep the chunks on the bottom. Most of the fluking was across the sound where trolling could produce some good scores, up to twenty to thirty fluke total per boat.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** liked the porgy fishing in the area off Sands Point, Harts Island, and Execution Light. On Saturday one boat had four weaks to eight pounds and most anglers were fishing for the scup with weaks as a by-catch. Prospect Point and Sands had some fluke and small snappers were all over the place.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** was looking at more bait than ever with harbors choked with bunker. This situation was pulling blues of all sizes from choppers on up. Trolling with drails and umbrellas on mono was deadly and Sekora rigs were hard to keep in stock. Ron Oldenburg and Artie Miller released bass in the 34 to 38 inch range, and Oldenburg also had a couple of bonito to 5.5 during the week. Small snappers were everywhere and fluking was stable but slow.

The party boat scene was about the same as the past week, with the **Klondike VIII** banging at bluefish and the **Apache** and **North Star** happily working the western schools of summer porgies.

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George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington Station gave us some details on the wild bluefishing in this zone. There were some good shots at

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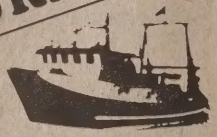

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shots in the Triangle on Sunday morning and the platform and golf course had their innings as well. In the late morning on Saturday, a group of slammers showed up at the town ramp and were confronted by anglers slinging plugs; some 7 fish to 15.4 were taken captive. Some bass were under the blues at Eaton's at times. One boat released a 19 lber. after weighing the fish on hand scales. There were some large porgies off Eaton's off the loading platform and east to Makamah. Small scup were the rule off Sand City and Valley Grove. Sand City was getting a big play from the fluking fleet with most of the keepers barely over the 14 inch limit. However, at least two fish were in the doormat class, including Larry Chancey's 9.2. Squid skirts were producing a lot of fish for the sharpies who dressed their baits that way.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport called the area "bluefish city" with hundreds of ways to put fish in the boat. Morning action was close to shore, often on bunkers and mackerel, then the fish moved out to the deeper waters around the Obstruction buoy and the Lilco platform. Finally the beaches had their flurries around sundown on most nights. There were snappers in many areas, fish in the 1-3 pound class around the discharges, some fish to 10 lbs. at the CB and a few slammers to 15 off Sand City. An alternative to facing the mobs of rabid flukers at Sand City was probing the flatties around Marshall Field and Lloyds Neck where there was more room to operate. Some large porgies to 1½ lbs. were noted around buoy 8. "Never seen so many bluefish," said Bowman.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** at Port Jefferson felt that Cranes were slower for scup last week, but that the lighthouse was still a solid alternative. Tim Caraftis figured that the blues around Buoy 9 were "somewhat funky" last week but that there had been some large fish close to the shore around Old Field and Cranes. Best choppers went to 12 lbs. or so.

Mel Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** called to say that a few of his younger anglers scored with summer flounder last week. Jason Tepplis had a 3½ lber. and Tom Augello had three fish to 4-0 from Sand City on ham-and-eggs combinations. Blues to 11 lbs. were noted off Makamah and Lilco.

Ralph's Fishing Station in Mount Sinai figured that most of the local fluke were 14 to 16 inches, but heard gossip of fish to 3 lbs. around Shoreham. Two scup last week actually went over 2 lbs. on the scales, but the mass of the summer scup were small. Some of the rentals had a bluefish or two in the 8 lb. class.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said simply, "Bluefish, bluefish, and bluefish." There were lots of 3 to 5 lbers. in the area with a few larger choppers. Small fluke were abundant and the ratio of throwbacks to keepers ran anywhere from 5:1 to 20:1.

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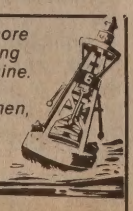

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John Alberda called to say that the Sound Charter's **TJ** had some excellent trips during the past week. light tackle fishing for blues. From Eaton's to Crab Meadow, you could find blues on top for miles in the morning; apparently it was not unusual for small groups to pull a hundred or so if they wanted to work hard. Don Sweeney and son Don Junior had over 100 fish to 6 lbs. and Stuart Smigh and Michael Masia had roughly 80. So did Rich Schaller, but he topped off the day with 8 slammers from 12 to 16 lbs. Trolling big plugs on monofiament near the harbors could produce some large fish, too. Alberda is welcoming the old customers of the **Ever Ready** with special rates.

Watch L.I. Fishing this week on WLIG-TV, Channel 55. Winners will be picked for a free charter trip with Captain John Alberda of **Sound CHarters**; $100 worth of Sea Strike Tackle, donated by B&B Fishing in Center Moriches and a free boat and motor rental from **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson. Frank Lobmeier took advantage of his free tip on the **Hawkeye** recently. Fishing with his friend Al Culen and Lorry Mangan, the group filled a cooler with blues, then topped off the day with a few fluke.

NORTH FORK

Warrens in Aquebogue felt that local porgies were the best bet, especially in the Mattituck Inlet area. There were now some bass in the Gut along with the blues and it was "catch as catch can" on the occasional weakfish.

Chris Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** figured that bluefishing was pretty steady with umbrell trollers producing fish "all over the place." The largest blues were around 5 lbs., but one 15 lber. was noted as well. Porgy fishing was "up and down" from the Firing Range and the Motel while fluking wasn't worth the effort. Howard Petersen and at the **Mattituck Inlet Station** figured that some of the rental skiffs had up to 100 porgies around the inlet and that there were still enough tautog on th pipeline to make that worth the effort, By working hard at Hortons, serious fluke fans could put away some keepers as well.

Sal Loria at **Captain Martys** in New Suffolk liked incoming water last week for porgies and blues. The scup were in the south Race and Middle Grounds while the blues were anywhere from buoy 26 and the North Race to Jessups. Birds provided indicators of the surface action on some days.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** said that the bluefish action at Jessups dropped over the weekend, especially at the end of the incoming tide. Porgy numbers were good from Rocky Point east to Pettys, and sizes were mixed to medium; better fluking was now available on the south side pf Plum Island, but the inside bar near Trumans and the old Orient Station rock was worth a try. too.

Louise Kitsch at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** said that her son Peter had 25 keeper fluke, fishing with Bob Wasauta's part on the **Lady K** off Gardiners, but that was the best catch of the week had been a haul of more than 100 blues from Jessups for Bob Spitzenberg. The blues were taken on 3 oz. diamond jigs.

Rod DeLisle on the **Prowler** called to tell us about some sensational scup catches for Roosevelt Brook's and Juanita Venables party a week ago. Brookshad over 100 fish and the party totaled around 400 scup. These were typical summer scup with sizes from small to medium, but there was one humbo in the 3 lb. class in the bag for Brooks. Until last week, DeLisle told us that there seemed to be "millions of shorts" for fluke fans. Scores of 9 keepers in 80 fish and one 6 lber. among 21 shorts were mentioned.

However, Pete Izzo of the **BoAnne ii** pointed out that fluking went on an upswing last week with a lot more keepers around the Plum and Gull Island areas. These wer mostly 15 and 16 inch fish. Blues in Pigeon Rip, Plum Gut and the Race continue to provide good, steady catches of 3-8 lb. fish for the diamond jigging clan. Izzo noted that the bay had cleared to such an extent that underwater visibility for diving was now quite good. Occasional catches off Greenlawns had a mix of porgies and weakfish and fluke.

The **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X** were doing a number on porgies, according to local reports, too. Davie Brennan of the Peconic Star, said , "It's the best two weeks I can remember!" I'd like to see anyone with better action—anywhere!" Brennan told us that he feels his new stereo system makes a difference in the mood of the crowd and maybe the scup as well. The boat backs away from the dock to the sound of "On the Road Again." An average catch of 25-30 is the norm, and daily high hoks can run over 60 fish for the sharpies.

Friday's trip on the **Prime Time III** located a batch of fluke (over 50) for nine anglers. Rosemary Fedorca of Manorvile caught the largest fluke of her life, an 8 lber., only to lose the pool to an 8½ lb. doormat caught by Joe Fischl, Jr. of New Hyde Park. Dolores and Ron of Centereach counted eight fluke to 5 lbs. in weight. Rosemary reported that all fluke were 3 lbs. or better, only a couple of shorts.

East End reporter Lorry Mangan tried her luck with fluke aboard the charter boat **Fishalot**, based at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station**, on Sunday. Capt. Tony Lo was kept very busy netting fluke for Lorry, Helen Wickham and Jayne Kilthaus. The ladies caught 21 keepers, three over 5 lbs., a with only a couple of shorts. All baits were equally successful—squid, fluke belly, mackerel, with the fish hitting best at change of tide and halfway into the ebb.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Surf fishing showed some signs of life this week with a couple of days of easterlies stirring the pot during the week. Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported a few blues, a few bass and a couple of weaks taken through the week. While the weaks were reported from the Lighthouse area, the south side sand beaches have been producing some action with school bass as well as small blues in the 2 to 4 pound class. Sunday evening, before dark, Charlie Flynn put away 10 bass up to 10 pounds near Ditch Plains. Other casters reported taking school bass on the south side near the White Sands Hotel. Small blues have been popping up along the south side from Hither Hills to White Sands. A few fish being picked from up front as well.

Inveterate surfmen Steve Bunai and John Padauno reported getting in a few good innings with husky school bass in the 10 to 12 pound class as well as a few nice weaks during last week's easterlies. The pair worked the Shinnecock Inlet area and used swimming plugs to take their fish.

From Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** came word of some action with small blues and some nice weakfish at both Moriches and Shinnecock Inlets this past week. Rich Monty had both blues and weaks at Moriches while Jim Croto weighed a 10.8 pound weak from Moriches as well.

A fair number of weakfish are roaming the south shore inlets and back bay areas from Fire Island through Jones Beach. In the Fire Island area, Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** reported weaks of 10¾ and 8½ pounds for Pete Mabanta. He knew of other weaks taken from the bridges, Jones Beach, Democrat and Cedar. He also noted there was action with small bluefish on the back side of Democrat and Moses during the latter part of the week.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Tackle Shop** in **Lindenhurst** checked in weaks of 12.8 and 11.8 pounds taken on the back side of Democrat on bunker by Scotty Barrent, Friday evening.

Up on the North Shore, small blues were in good supply along many stretches of Long Island Sound beaches. According to several

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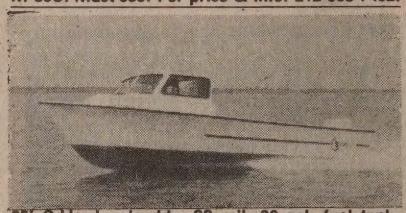

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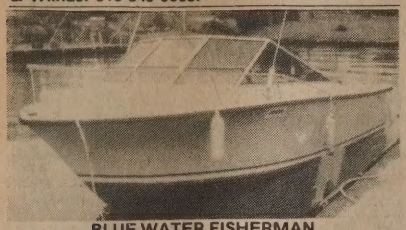

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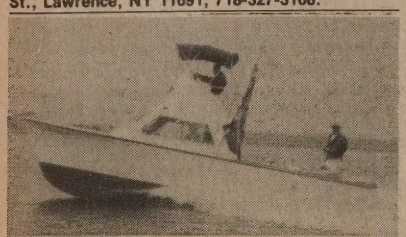

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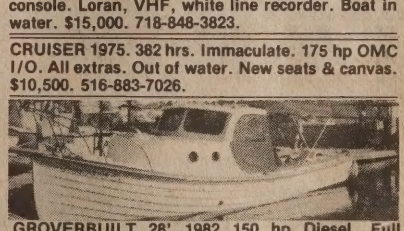

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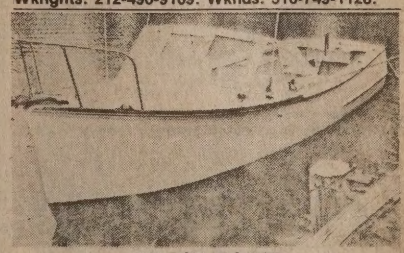

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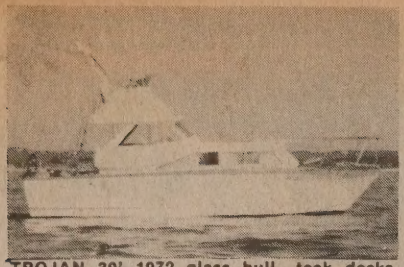

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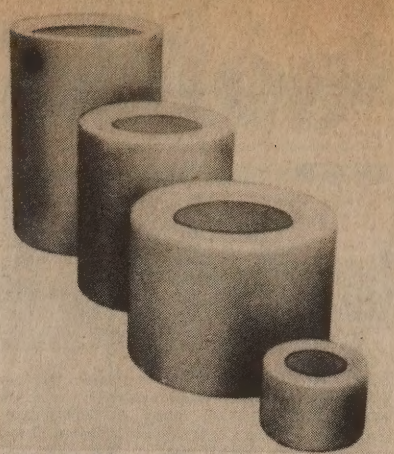

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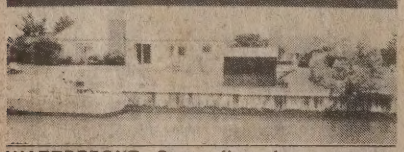

WATERFRONT: Owner financing gorgeous, sprawling Ranch on 50 wide canal. 7 spacious rooms, formal dining rm., kitchenette, den/brick fireplace. 2 full baths, garage. 100' bulkhead. Located in Copiague. $289,000. COLD BANKER, 516-799-2411. Curt or Alice.

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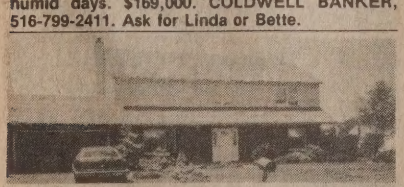

HORIZON HARBOR, Copiague. Magnificent Colonial on 100 bulkhead. All 9 rooms oversized, 5BR, 3Bth, 2-car garage, den/fireplace. Beautifully landscaped property. Many extras. $325,000. COLDWELLBANKER, 516-799-2411. Ask for Curt or Alice.

sources, Huntington and Northport beaches as well as those in Rocky Point were well supplied with small blues during the early morning and evening hours.

The mouth of Stony Brook Harbor has been producing its share of small blues as well as school bass. According to Rob Osinski, Steve Kozlik fished the area Thursday morning and put away a number of school bass on 007 jigs. Rob teamed with Mark Lanfranchi on Thursday evening to put away a load of blues from 2 to 3 pounds. They used 007s but according to Rob, the fish were hitting just about everything. The pair repeated the performance on Friday evening.

Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

A lackluster week as far as freshwater gamefish are concerned. A few scattered bass and trout were taken this week but warm temperatures provided little to get excited about. Most of the better bassing seems to be taking place early or late in the day in heavy cover or weedy lakes with a good deal of shade along the shoreline. Panfishing remains consistent as does action with carp and catfish.

From **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann reports anglers taking an occasional small bass from Hempstead Lake. A better bet, however, is to fish here for panfish, carp or catfish. These have been feeding well and don't really seem to care what time of day anglers wet their lines.

A slow week at the shop as far as freshwater action is concerned reports Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**. Sunday witnessed the only bass weighed in over the past several days as Bob Jenulis stopped by with a nineteen inch, four pound largemouth which he took at Caroombs Pond in Massapequa on a live killie. Bob also reported taking five white perch in the ten inch class.

At **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Rod reports some decent bass action in Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond. Ron Pantol took several there this week. I spoke with Ron myself on Sunday and he told me that in addition to the bass, he fished nightcrawlers on a number two hook to score with a mess of crappies to one pound. Ron also worked Connetquot River State Park over the week using light Cahills and midges to connect with a few nice trout. Phil Briggs adds that there are trout to ten inches in both Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek. Worms are the best bet here.

Xiao-Hong Lao shows the 6 lb. 2 oz. largemouth bass he caught from a Long Island lake. He also had a 4 lb. 12 oz. bass. Both were his first fish ever! Photo courtesy of Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh.

A call to John at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, confirmed that a few bass are hitting in Lace Mill Pond (AKA Patchogue Lake). In fact, John mentioned that Mickey Russo clicked with a 5.12 pounder there this week. At nearby Cannon Lake, Gene Romeo and John Ponterie nailed four bass to four pounds. Otherwise, freshwater reports have been few. One angler mentioned catching some nice white perch and big catfish in the Peconics.

From Al Schreirer of the **Sportsman's Center, Medford**, we here that despite a lot of anglers working Lower Yaphank Lake over the last few days, few fish worth mentioning have been checked in at the shop. Fishing here has been slow. Over at Artist Lake in Middle Island, however, anglers fishing nightcrawlers baits have scored fairly well with the bass but most are undersized and have to be released.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, George Devlin informs us that small bass are jumping on just about anything anglers toss into the waters of the Peconic River. Not many keepers are being pulled out, however. Fishing for bluegills, perch and crappies is red hot with plenty of nice sized panfish around. The "gills" are taking worms while the crappies seem to prefer small plastic grubs fished on a one eighth ounce jighead below a float.

From **Crazy Cheif Ski and Sport** in upstate **Hunter Mountain**, Ken Josephson informs us that last weeks rains brought water levels in the streams to more normal levels and helped spark a real good week of trout fishing. Also, Bob Macari of the Bronx weighed in a 3.5 pound smallmouth bass which fell for a worm fished in Tannerville Lake.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	11:00	11:15	11:45	—	11:45	11:55	12:30	12:50	2:15	2:50	1:50	2:20	10:45	11:05	7/24
FRI.	11:45	—	12:05	12:50	12:35	—	1:10	1:20	3:10	3:40	2:40	3:10	11:35	11:55	7/25
SAT.	12:35	12:50	1:10	1:25	12:45	1:10	1:40	2:15	4:05	4:30	3:30	4:00	—	12:25	7/26
SUN.	1:20	1:30	1:40	2:15	1:35	2:10	2:35	3:10	5:00	5:30	4:25	4:50	12:40	1:00	7/27
MON.	1:35	2:10	2:30	3:05	2:20	2:55	3:30	4:05	6:00	6:25	5:20	5:45	1:35	2:10	7/28
TUES.	2:25	3:00	3:25	4:00	3:10	3:45	4:30	5:05	7:00	7:25	6:15	6:40	2:25	3:05	7/29
WED.	3:15	3:50	4:20	4:55	4:05	4:40	5:30	5:55	8:00	8:20	7:15	7:35	3:20	4:00	7/30
THURS.	4:15	4:50	5:15	5:50	5:05	5:35	6:25	6:45	8:55	9:10	8:10	8:25	4:20	4:50	7/31

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/24	5:45	8:27
FRI. 7/25	5:46	8:26
SAT. 7/26	5:47	8:25
SUN. 7/27	5:48	8:24
MON. 7/28	5:49	8:23
TUE. 7/29	5:50	8:22
WED. 7/30	5:51	8:21

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/24	10:35PM	9:10AM
FRI. 7/25	10:55PM	10:20AM
SAT. 7/26	11:20PM	11:25AM
SUN. 7/27	11:40PM	—
MON. 7/28	12:05AM	1:37PM
TUE. 7/29	12:30AM	2:40PM
WED. 7/30	1:00AM	3:40PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:25	2:15	8:55	2:40
Fri.	9:15	3:05	9:45	3:30
Sat.	10:10	4:00	10:30	4:15
Sun.	10:45	4:45	11:20	5:05
Mon.	11:40	5:30	—	5:50
Tues.	12:05	6:10	12:20	6:30
Wed.	12:45	6:50	12:55	7:15
Thurs.	1:30	7:30	1:40	7:55

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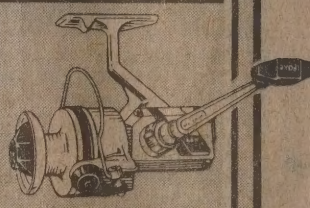

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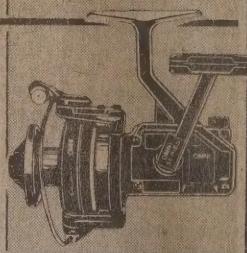

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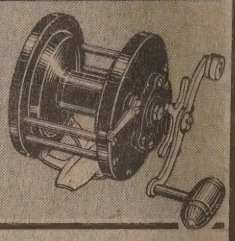

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